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Mellor heads

campaign for

handgun ban

By JILL SHERMAN AND JOANNA BALE

George Foulkes, Labour MP

for Carrick, Cumnock and

Doon Valley. There is a growing tide in favour of

banning handguns and auto-

matic weapons in private possession and I would certainly

support that," said Mr

However, Michael Colvin,

Tory MP for Romsey and

Waterside, who is president of

the Palace of Westminster Shooting Club, advised

The Westminister Shooting

Club has a rifle range in the

bowels of the House of Com-

mons, and has recently intro-duced pistol shooting. Mr Colvin suggested that Michael Howard, the Home

Secretary, should consider a

review of the way the Firearms

Amendment Act was adminis-

tered and whether handguns

should be kept in clubs rather

The Conservative MP Sir

Jerry Wiggin, chairman of the British Shooting Sports Coun-

cil, a field sports enthusiast,

yesterday also warned against

reaction to the Dunblane

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, op-

posed a ban on the grounds

from competing in the Olym-

The Government is also

expected to introduce new

laws requiring all new tele-visions to be fitted with elec-

tronic scramblers or V chips,

to allow parents to prevent children watching violent or

sexually explicit programmes.

ional Heritage Secretary, has

agreed to the move in princi-

ple and has now asked her

officials to look at how to

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THE Government faced

mounting calls from MPs last

night for a total ban on

handguns in an attempt to prevent another Dunblane

tragedy.

The demands were led by

David Mellor, former Home

Office minister, who is seeking

an early amendment to outlaw

the type of weapons used by

Thomas Hamilton, the Dun-

blane mass killer.

The "gun lobby" warned that it would oppose any move

for an outright ban. Any

decision over handguns, in-

cluding where they should be

kept, would be incorporated in the terms of reference of Lord

Cullen's inquiry. This will delay any decision over tough-

ening up gun laws until the

summer, effectively postpon-ing any new legislation until

next year. Mr Mellor plans to force a

vote by tabling amendments to a Criminal Justice Bill due

later this year, or by a private

guns or we impose many more

restrictions on their posses-

sion. I unashamedly call on

Parliament to ban them. It will

inconvenience some people,

but the rest of us have the right

peaking on LWT

Crosstalk programme, he at-

tacked what he called "these

rubbishy people from the gun

lobby" and people acting out

"Rambo-esque fantasies in gun clubs". "We must keep our anger

burning bright about this

matter because, when the

people have forgotten what

happened at Dunblane, the

lobbyists will be trying to

persuade pliable Members of

Parliament to do nothing

Mr Mellor was backed by a

number of MPs including

about it."

to say, 'so what?"," he said.

We can either ban hand-

member's bill.

☐ Sombre royal visit to bereaved in Dunblane ☐ Millions pay silent tribute to victims

their lives

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The Queen leads day of mourning

By Alan Hamilton, Oliver August and Stephen Farrell

THE QUEEN conveyed the thoughts of an entire nation yesterday when she visited Dunblane to meet parents and families of the 16 children and their teacher who died in last Wednesday's school

In a private 15-minute meeting in Dunblane cathedral's Chapter House the Queen, accompanied by the Princess Royal, was visibly moved as she told a gathering of 30 of the bereaved of the grief and profound sympathy felt for

them by the entire country.

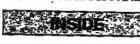
The Queen told them that she prayed they would find the courage to endure their anguish, and the fortitude to face the future with the love and support of family, friends and

community. Millions of people around the country paid their own respects to the victims at 9.30am as a minute's silence was observed at airports, railway stations, supermarkets and churches.

The Queen and the Princess stooped briefly at the entrance to Dunblane Primary School, where a vast carpet of floral tributes lined the drive. The Oueen added her own bouquet with a simple card expressing her deepest sympathy; the Princess placed a posy of snowdrops picked from her garden at Gatcombe Park yesterday.

hastily-arranged royal visit had been planned for today but it was reorganised when it was realised that it would coincide with the first of the many private funerals that Dunblane must now endure. The royal party flew from London to RAF Turnhouse. Edinburgh, and arrived in Dunblane by car at 3pm on a raw, piercingly cold afternoon under a sky as grey and leaden as the spirits of the

shartered community. Deterred partly by the cold and partly by a growing desire for privacy after four days of



Children's trauma Cathedral service. Matthew Parris.

media invasion, many of the little city's 7,000 population stayed away, and a crowd of barely 400 greeted the Queen and Princess as they arrived in the main square. Silence fell as the royal party, welcomed by local dignitaries, moved to the cathedral.

They were met by the Reverend Colin McIntosh, the minister of the cathedral, who earlier in the day had conducted a moving Presbytarian service in which he underlined that the need for the present was for comfort, and not to seek reasons or justification for what had happened.

The Queen and the Princess met politicians including Michael Forsyth, the Secretary of State for Scotland, and George Robertson, the Shadow secretary, who lives in Dunblane. Mostly, however. the visitors met those who had been in the front line of the tragedy: Ron Taylor, the school's headmaster and his staff, local clergy, ambulance crews, police, doctors, social workers and counsellors.

Dr Jim Herbert, one of the first people on the scene of the massacre, told the Oueen of the community's appreciation of her visit. "She in turn was very appreciative of what we had done, and obviously felt

for us," he said. The Princess Royal, who is patron of Victim Support Scotland, spoke to local members of the charity who are setting up a centre in Dunblane. Rosemary Docherty told the Princess that the centre was likely to be needed for many

months to come. After spending 20 minutes longer in the cathedral than planned the Queen emerged carrying a single yellow daffo-dil given to her by one of the bereaved parents. The royal visitors, who had spent 90 minutes in the city, drove off to meet surviving children, parents and medical staff at Stirling Royal Infirmary.

At 9.30am, the time that the massacre started, the BBC and commercial radio stations went off the air for 60 seconds. Television programmes supplemented the silence with pictures from Dunblane. At Heathrow passengers

and staff of all nationalities stood in silence with their heads bowed. Landings and take-offs were suspended and planes on the runway turned off their engines. The bustling terminals

went quiet as if people fruze with horror all over again. You could have heard a pin drop as the pushing and shoving in the queues ceased," a British Airways ground crew co-ordinator said.

Silence also fell at Rail-track's 14 main stations, where trains were delayed while staff gathered on the platforms. Bob Wilkeds, the manager

at Euston Station, said: "All trains leaving the station were stopped for approximately three or four minutes either side of 9.30. Ticket sales were stopped. No-one moved at all

on the concourse."

At London Bridge Station a homeless man begging for money joined passengers and staff in their remembrance. Jimmy Herbert, of no fixed address, stood up from his dirty blanket and gave a military salute.

"As a former soldier and now a man with no home I understand grief better than most people," he said. "And although I am not in very good shape at the moment I still want to show my respect and sympathy for those Scottish people. Their lot is a hundred times worse than mine."



Ben Vallance in a Stirling hospital yesterday, where he rode a tricycle round his ward

Ben's breach of protocol

BEN VALLANCE, one of the five children who was visited by the Queen and the Princess Royal at Stirling Royal Infirmary yesterday, made a dash from his room as soon as his distinguished guests arrived and had to be chased by the

Queen's bodyguard. Ben, who was shot in the elbow during the massacre at Dunblane Primary School, then mounted a tricycle and rode round Ward 17 while the

The children were in high pirits over the royal visit, but they also expressed their dis-appointment when they asked Queen where her crown and the corgis were. The Queen said she could not bring the crowns on the

aeroplane and she hoped that the corgis were being taken

Queen was talking to other patients and their families.

Robert Purves, one of the

injured proudly displayed his teddy, which nurses had dressed in a blue theatre gown with a cast on its arm, matching the plaster on Rob-ert's shattered elbow.

Seconds before the Queen arrived Amy Hutchison planted two baby teddy bravery award stickers on either cheek, but they were pulled off by her mother. The Queen and the Princess spent 15 minutes on the wards.

Dambusters' battle order goes for sale

By JOHN SHAW

THE original battle order for the Dambusters' first raid on Germany in May 1943 is to be auctioned soon in London.

The single sheet of paper contains the names of all 19 aircrews who took part in the operation to destroy the Ruhr dams. But its emotional power comes from a line of 11 pencil marks down the left hand side.

Those with a mark beside them indicate crews who returned safely to RAF Scampton, Lincolnshire.



Humphries: "We heard them on the radio

Blank spaces indicate the missing. The squadron lost eight aircraft and 53 men on the night of its first operation. The tally was kept by Harry Humphries, then 28, the squadron adjutant. The raid inspired a best-selling book by Paul Brickhill and a film

starring Richard Todd. The operation, designed to disrupt German heavy industry at a key point in the war, has been described as the most brilliant feat of precision bombing in World War Two.

The night of the raid is still vivid for Mr Humphries, now aged 80, of Weybourne, near Sheringham, Norfolk. His memorabilia is expected to be sold for between £3,000-£4,000 at Bonhams in London, on May 29.

"We heard them coming home on the radio, first Guy Gibson saying 'hello, G for George', Mr Humphries said yesterday. "That was his air-craft back. Then I began marking off the others. It was a real blow when we found out how many didn't come back. I Continued on page 2, col 4



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Bruno left without a future in ring

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN IN LAS VEGAS

FRANK BRUNO flew home yesterday to an uncertain future after his third-round defeat by Mike Tyson in the WBC heavyweight championship here. The reverse was so conclusive that it left Bruno with little future in boxing. He was counted out on the

ropes after receiving a barrage of about 13 blows. The referee, Mills Lane, quickly stepped in and called a halt. "He was in real bad trouble," he said. "He could not have gone on." Bruno suffered a bad gash

near his left eye in the first round for which he received hospital treatment. He was to have attended a news conference yesterday with Tyson, but withdrew.

Bruno was betrayed by nerves and the pressure of facing a formidable opponent. He said he needed time to think. "I am disappointed for the fans who were here, and those who stayed up late," he said. I'm going to chill out with my family and then think about the future."

In boxing terms, Bruno, 34, has nowhere to go, having

been beaten in four world title bouts in his 14-year professional career. He is most unlikely to get another chance to fight for the world title. He made £5 million from Saturday's bout and might

return to broadcasting. How-

ever, it would be surprising if he did not stay in boxing in The 5,000 British fans at the fight were generally well be-haved, according to Las Vegas police, but there was trouble early yesterday in two 24-hour bars at the MGM Grand

garden Hotel, and they had to

be closed. There have been no reports of arrests. Among Bruno's supporters was Lorraine Parkinson, a 33year-old nurse from Suffolk who went to Wandsworth Primary School with him and "begged, borrowed and stole" to make the trip. As the 15,000 others who had paid up to \$2,000 (£1,280) each for tickets

ing into her Union Jack. Fight reports, pages 21, 22

filed out of the arena, she

stood rooted to the spat, weep-

America deploys Taiwan fleet

The White House refused to say where the US fleet would be deployed off Taiwan as China issued its sternest warning yet about America's

In the face of Chinese threats to Taiwan, the US is assembling its largest fleet in Asia since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. The aircraft carrier Independence has been stationed off Taiwan's east coast and a second carrier, Nimitz, is due in the area this week ____ Page 10

Sri Lanka lifts cricket cup

Sri Lanka became the most unexpected winners of the cricket World Cup in its 21year history when they beat Australia by seven wickets. After restricting their opponents to 241 for seven, the Sri

Lankans cantered home with 22 balls to spare. Aravinda de Silva became the third player to score a century in a .. Page 23

Supreme Albert

Albert, a three-year-old cocker spaniel, was Supreme Cham-pion at Crufts Pages 2, 18

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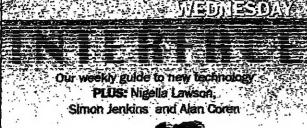
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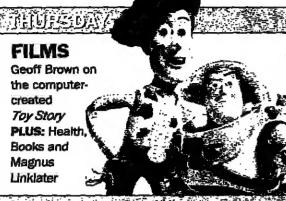
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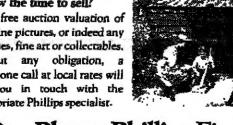


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According to the annual forecast of trends in the fine art and antiques market published

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Rifkind hints that vote on single currency may not be binding

Clarke 'will not quit' over Euro poll

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Chancelior of the Exchequer will not resign if the Cabinet endorses a referendum on a single European currency, despite his opposi-tion to a poll. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said yesterday.

But Mr Rifkind also alarmed Euro-sceptics by hinting that the outcome of such a poll might not be binding on the Government. The Foreign Secretary's confident assertions follows reports ascribed to friends of the Chancellor suggesting that Kenneth Clarke, who strongly opposes a referendum, might resign if one went ahead.

There have also been suggestions that Mr Clarke would campaign in favour of a single currency as soon as the Prime Minister announced that a referendum would go ahead. Asked on the Jonathan Dimbleby programme on ITV whether the Cabinet could afford to lose Mr Clarke, Mr Rifkind said: "I don't believe there is the slightest possibility

of that happening. I believe that there will be a decision reached which the Cabinet will endorse." Mr Rifkind's comments

come after speculation that Mr Clarke has been given some reassurances if a referendum is backed next week. These are believed to include a reaffirmation by the Prime Minister that he would not rule out a single currency in the next Parliament. Mr Rifkind confirmed that

he was drawing up a briefing paper on the practicalities of a referendum which is expected to be put to the Cabinet next Thursday, just before John Major departs for the intergovernmental conference in

It is widely expected that the Cabinet will back a referen-dum on a single currency as only a minority of ministers, including Mr Clarke, John Gummer and Sir George Young, are thought to be against. But spelling out the



Malcolm Rifkind, left, said there was "not the slightest possibility" of Kenneth Clarke resigning

Mr Rifkind said it was not just a question of whether there should be a referendum. For example, if you did have a referendum, would it be advisory or would it be a binding referendum? What would be the position of ministers that

ommendation being made? What would be the actual question that you would ask?" Both Mr Rifkind and the Prime Minister are believed to support the idea of collective Cabinet responsibility once a decision over a single currency has been reached. This would

isters from campaigning against the idea.

Tory Euro-sceptics demanded urgent clarification of his remarks about whether the poll would be binding. Bill Cash, a leading Euro rebel. said he would raise the issue at Westminster this week. "What is the point of having a referendum unless the Government is going to accept it?"

John Townend, a senior right-wing backbencher, said

he was surprised that Mr Rifkind had even mentioned an advisory referendum.

There is no point in having a referendum and not abiding Any referendum would re-

quire an Act of Parliament and Euro-sceptics would be carnpaigning to ensure that a binding clause was enshrined in the legislation.

Sir George Gardiner, a senior Tory, said: "It is very hard to imagine a referendum that would not be binding in its effect. Surely it is inconceivable that Parliament would impose a view different from

Most MPs believe the Government would not dare to defy the result of a plebiscite on monetary union. However, it might decide to hold a referendum before putting the issue to Parliament, to allow both the Cabinet's decision to be considered and the views of

the public.
The normal sequence of events is that the Cabinet's decision would be ratified by Parliament before it was put to a referendum. But it is likely that the option of putting the

issue to the people first, in an "advisory referendum", would appeal to Mr Clarke.
Earlier John Redwood urged Mr Rifkind to "win friends and influence people" to his cause at the IGC conference later this month. His cause must be a Europe of independent nations cooperating with one another. He must offer an alternative vision — a dramatically different vision - from the Franco-German superstate." he said.

Spring expresses hope for new IRA ceasefire

By NICHOLAS WATT IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

DICK SPRING, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, expressed optimism yesterday that the IRA would restore its ceasefire to allow Sinn Fein to join all-party talks in Northern Ireland in June.

Speaking on BBCI's Breakwith Frost, Mr Spring said: "Peace is what the overwhelming majority of people want, north and south, Catholic and Protestant. The fixed date of June 10 for talks is there and I believe with goodwill we can achieve what we are setting out to do."

However, Mr Spring's comments came amid Unionist fears that London and Dublin were preparing to entice the IRA into another ceasefire by softening their demands for IRA disarmament. Unionists reacted furiously on Friday night when a joint British and Irish consultation paper appeared to indicate that the issue of terrorist weapons would not be allowed to hold up the start of talks.

The paper said that the agenda for the first session of talks would reflect the demands for decommissioning in last month's Anglo-Irish communique. That said that political parties would have to accept the principles of nonviolence in the Mitchell arms report and they would have to address the report's proposals

on decommissioning: However, Friday's paper then added that at the start of talks, political parties would have to agree only to negotiate a "comprehensive agenda" providing assurance that de-commissioning was being ad-dressed. Ulster Unionists saw this as a concession to

Mr Spring insisted yesterday that decommissioning would be addressed "as a priority item ... We know reassurances have to be given to the Unionist community in relation to arms. Reassurances also have to be given to the nationalist community in relation to an overall political

He warned republicans that, if the IRA refused to restore its ceasefire, the two governments would still press ahead with all-party talks in June. "If Sinn Fein and the IRA do not reinstate the cessation of violence, the democratic parties . . . will have to work without them. But we want Sinn Fein there."

Adams on parade, page 9



Badger, a miniature wire-haired dachshund, bows out of the action on the last day of Cruft's at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham. The world's largest dog show had a record entry of 26,000. Results, page 18

Dambuster sale

Continued from page I remember it so well. The atmosphere was very highly charged as the gaps between the planes grew longer. All the big boys were there, Bomber Harris, Barnes Wallis. Ralph Cochrane. AoC Five

"Barnes Wallis was biting his nails down to his elbows. When it was realised we'd lost eight of 19 he got very distressed about it until he was persuaded it was worth-

Mr Humphries said the operation was so secret he did not know the destination of the Lancasters until after the aircraft had taken off and he was told by a Waaf intelli-

gence officer. "Of course, when the lads came back they were full of it and what they had done. It was fantastic." Mr Humphries was with the unit from its inception in March 1943

He said: "We all have highs and lows in our lives, but being adjutant of that squadron was quite definitely a high point in mine. Every-thing seemed a little humdrum afterwards."

The squadron contained some of the cream of wartime

picked men who went on to carry out a string of special duties bombing strategically important canals, marshalling yards, tunnels, rocket sites and the battleship Tir-

Each operation called for precision bombing of a very high standard. Mr Humphries said that when Gibson asked him to join the new unit he said, 'Adj, this squadron will either be wiped out or will

make history'.
"That was it, I didn't press him further. He was that kind of chap, short in stature, short in fuse, especially with those who didn't do as he wanted. He didn't have any fear as far as I could see. All he wanted to do was fity."

Mr Humphries said the possible short-lived nature of the squadron impelled him to try to keep a record of its activities, including tiny passport-sized photographs of the captains killed on the raid.

They were on a board in the operations room and were taken down immediately after they were killed. Gibson received the Victoria Cross and afterwards a war artist arrived to draw his and the other survivors' portraits. A copy is in the file, with a letter from Gibson to Mr Humphries.

Prosecutors fear slipshod service

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

Crown Prosecution Service have given a warning that plans to shave £9 million from its budget could jeopardise standards.

They say that one of the jobs that could suffer is the scrutiny of police charges. The implication is that some cases that should be halted might slip through and that others might be unduly delayed in reaching court.
The 13 chief Crown prosecu-

tors, one for each area of the CPS in England and Wales, have privately expressed their concerns to Barbara Mills, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions. They are also worried that staff reductions would fall chiefly on the 2,000 lawyers of the CPS.

The £9 million savings are part of 5 per cent cuts across all Whitehall depaprtments and would reduce the CPS budget for 1996-97 from £297 million to E288 million. No CPS staff are prepared to speak out publicly, but Neil Addison, a former senior Crown prosecutor, said that

CHIEF prosecutors in the he had seen internal documents outlining the chief prosecutors' concerns.

They want this to be publicised, but they are con-cerned for their jobs and so they have spoken to me in-stead," said Mr Addison, who left the CPS after being suspended over a series of articles about the service.

He said that one suggestion for cuts based the number of prosecutors that each branch needed on the number of cases in courts. This created problems in rural courts, which had fewer cases. The chief prosecutors of Wales and the South West are particularly concerned at this."

A CPS spokesman said measures were being considered to achieve "greater efficiency, but which allow the CPS to do the same work". He added: There is a constant flow of information between the chief Crown prosecutors and the DPP and senior management, looking at how best to achieve the necessary quality of service with the available

Peter Riddell, page 16 Death

prompts outcry over CS spray

THE death of a man re-strained by police with CS spray led to calls yesterday for trials of the spray to be halted. A post-mortem examination indicated no link between the gas and the death of Ibrahima Sey, 29, after a disturbance at his home in Forest Gate, east London, early on Saturday. Further tests, however, are to

Mr Sey, who was born in Ghana, suffered from hypertensive heart disease and collapsed at Ilford police station after a period of exertion, according to the patholgy report. He died later in hospital. An inquiry is being led by Frank Wilkinson, Assistant Chief Constable of Hertfordshire police, and the case has

also been referred to the Police Complaints Authority. The CS sprays trials began this month in 18 police forces after requests for extra protection against assault. Therewere several delays to their start, one after a Metropolitan Police inspector suffered mi-

nor facial burns during tests. Scotland Yard said: "The findings of the post mortem do not link the death to CS incapacitant spray at this stage. Further tests will be undertaken and the evidence will be

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presented to the coroner." The tests, thought to involve analysis of the blood, heart and brain, will determine if the spray brought about Mr Sey's collapse or contributed to his death. The tests will also look at whether the strict guidelines for the spray's use were followed.

The post mortem was carried out by three pathologists representing the coroner, the Police Federation and the Met-

ropolitan Police respectively. Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newham North West, said: "It would be sensible to suspend use of this spray until an absolute exact cause of death is established and CS gas eliminated." He was concerned that the spray used by British police would be four times stronger than that used by American officers. Kura Njie, a friend of the

Mr Sey, who had a baby daughter, said of the arrest: "I found it strange that you should use CS gas and that more than ten officers were around."

Jebb Johnson, of the National Black Caucus, said the incident would lead to pressure for an independent inquiry into deaths of black people in custody in the London area.

Signs of the times point in a sponsored direction

BY KEVIN EASON MOTORING EDITOR

MOTORISTS seeking directions for Heathrow airport could soon be reading signs bearing a constant reminder of "Britain's favourite airline". The Government is considering allowing the world of corporate sponsorship on to the hard shoulder, with companies paying for road

John Watts, the Roads Minister, believes such a move could take the pressure off the Department of

advertise in their local areas. British Airways could sponsor signs to Heathrow, or ICI along the northeast coast, site of its huge chemical plants.

Other companies might want to point to towns and villages offering a connection: Mr Kipling sponsoring a sign for Eccles or British Steel backing one for Ironbridge, Ironside or Ironville. Rowntree, maker of the Yorkie, supposedly the lorry driver's favourite, would inevitably be interested in sponsoring all signs for York, which gave its name to the chocolate

opportunity to sponsor the sign for

Mr Watts believes private finance could offset public spending to an even greater degree by allowing companies to put their names on the high-sided insulation boards that protect homes from the noise of nearby motorways and main roads. Silent Night, the bedmaker, could be

a prime candidate here. Road signs cost about £4 million a year to maintain. Another £2.5 million is spent on new signs, each one costing about £1,000. The Transport Transport's much-reduced budget bar. And could Heinz resist the Department is spending £12 million

on updating signs throughout

Mr Watts said yesterday that primary legislation would be needed to put corporate logos and names on road signs. However, he could envisage the first in a series of direction signs bearing a sponsorship mess-age, while subsequent signs carried a discreet logo or company name.

The AA was worried that drivers might be distracted by the sponsorship messages when they should be concentrating on where they were going. Mr Watts dismissed the organisation's fears. He said: "This cocoa,

would be a way of applying a private finance initiative for the benefit of motorists. Road signs could be better constructed with the aid of private

sponsorship." The Transport Research Laboratory is reported to be studying the effects of sponsored signs on driver behaviour. Nobody knows yet whether lines of signs for coffee will trigger queues of drivers at service stations gasping for caffeine.

More usefully, perhaps, road rage could be soothed away by signs advertising a comforting cup of

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Hospital visit lifts spirits of staff and patients as psychological damage begins to heal

Queen witnesses emotional and physical scars of injured children

SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Queen and the Princess Royal saw both the remarkable resilience of the children injured in the Dunblane massacre and also some of the traumas that they are now coming to terms with when they visited the paediatric ward at Stirling Royal Infirmary yesterday. Dr Jack Beattie, consultant

paediatrician, said one of the children has been asking his father to draw disturbing and unpleasant scenes. Dr Beattie, who was one of the first to attend the gym last Wednesday morning and to see the bodies of the 16 dead and 12 injured children, said the child's drawings were disturbing.

They are quite unpleasant in content. They relate to the scenes that I saw in the gym."

But he said he was optimistic that all of the children would make a full recovery both physically and emotionally and said that on the whole they were showing remarkable resilience.

Each of the five children -Robert Purves, Arny Hutchinson, Matthew Birnie, Mark Mullan and Ben Vallance greeted the Queen in his or her individual way. Amy Hutchinson, the only little girl on the ward, had worn her special silver plastic bangle and was disappointed that she could not see what the Queen was wearing because she kept her coat buttoned up.

Afterwards Amy, 5, who is keen on fashion and jewellery and who suffering from a shattered knee, said the Queen must have found the weather

Robert Purves, who asked the Queen "Where are your



A policeman weeps in Dunblane yesterday

little sister Linda, 4, who was plastered with Robert's baby bear bravery stickers. Robert proudly displayed to the Queen his Teddy which nurses had dressed in a blue theatre gown with a cast on its arm, matching the plaster on Robert's shattered elbow.

Matthew Birnie, who has chest and shoulder injuries, was also excited by the Queen's visit which Dr Beattle said had lifted the spirits of all the staff and patients who met her. But Mike Mullan, who is the most seriously ill with stomach injuries, slept throughout the Royal visit.

Dr Beattie said both the Queen and the Princess Royal had been extremely well briefed before their visit and had details of all the traumas grandmother speaks to her grandchildren. He said she was very much at ease with all the little patients.

The Queen and the Princess Royal also spent time with the two injured teachers, Mary Blake and Eileen Harrild and their families. Angus Smith, a consultant surgeon at the hospital, said both of the adult patients were asked by the Queen about the exact circumstances when they were in the gym. "The Queen wanted to know what their duties in the school were. She was very interested in their jobs. She said that both she and the Princess Royal had been impressed by Dunblane and its community spirit."

Mr Smith said he was not aware that either teacher had yet expressed a desire to attend the funeral of either their colleague, Gwenne Mayor or of any of the children. He said it was possible that Mrs Blake might be discharged this week but said it was likely that Mrs Harrild would be in hospital for some time.

Dr. Beattie said that the Queen's visit represented an emotional reunion between the teachers and the children, who until yesterday had been on separate wards. He said the teachers were tearful when they saw the children and showed them lots of affection. Dr Beattie said he felt the whole visit had been an extremely positive one for the staff, for the parents and for the families and said it represented the start of the emotional healing process. Fran Hislop, the sister on the paediatric ward, said her staff had appreciated the visit and were beginning to come to

terms with the awful events of

last week. She said it was

The Queen outside the cathedral in Dunblane yesterday during her visit to the city. She met privately with the parents of the murdered children other hospitals to relieve them with collapsed lungs. She has of their duties so that they moved out of intensive care to could have some rest or attend a surgical ward.

any future memorial services. Coll Austin, who has bullet The condition of the three wounds to his eye and head, most seriously injured childwas also taken off a ventilator ren who are in hospital in and moved out of intensive Glasgow continued to imcare yesterday afternoon. A prove yesterday. Ryan Liddell, spokeswoman for the hospital Coll Austin and Amie Adam, said their conditions were who are in the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Yorkhill comfortable and stable. Ryan Liddell, who has injuries to his in Glasgow are now all off the chest and arm, was said to be danger list. Amie, who has making good progress.

Families in Dunbla

preparing for a week of mourning as they attend the

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funerals of the 16 children. The services have been arranged to allow the grieving families to attend as many funerals as possible. Some will be going to

up to nine services this week. Two will be joint ceremonies. The funeral service of Joanna Ross and Emma Crozier will be held this morning at Lecropt Church, Bridge of Alian, and there will be a joint service at Dunblane Cathedral for Melissa Currie and

10ite Dunn tomorrow. This afternoon the service for Abigail McLennan will be held at St Blanes, Dunblane, where the Reverend George Cringles, minister of the church is also chaplain of Dunblain Primary School. Shortly after Abigail's service the funeral of Kevin Hassel will be held in the same

John Petrie will be buried at

church. Tomorrow, will see the funeral of David Kerr in the Church of the Holy Family. Dunblane. Megan Turner, Sophie North and Hannah Scott will have funeral services at Dunblane Cathedral.

the Church of the Holy Family in Dunblane. Victoria Clydesdale's funeral will be at Lecropt Church. The service for Emily Morton will be at St Blanes and for Mhairi MacBeath at the the cathedral on Wednesday

The funeral of the children's class teacher, Gwenne Mayor, will be held at Dunblane Cathedral on Thursday where there will also be a service for Brett McKippon, In the a noon Ross Irvine's funeral will be at St Columba Church,



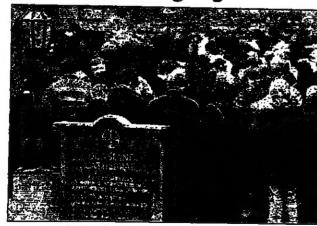
By Alan Hamilton

ON ANY other fourth Sunday in Lent, Dunblane Cathedral would have rung to the innocent early spring pleasure of Mothering Sunday. Yesterday its ancient walls gathered in a community reaching deep into its well of Christian faith in search of comfort.

Every seat was filled. Among the cathedral's con-gregation of 1,000 sat bereaved parents, gaunt in their loss, and Sunday school children as uncomprehending as their elders. The simple liturgy of the Church of Scotland laces much store by the Word, and the Word was the overwhelming sorrow of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Spring is late in Dunbiane, and the morning air was raw and damp, with stinging flurries of sleet. But at 9.30, an hour before the service began, several hundred worshippers were queuing outside the cathedral door. As the bells chimed the half hour, they stood motionless as the prescribed silence fell over the small city, broken only by the distant cawing of rooks.

Policemen stood to attention. Cameramen stilled their shutters. No one spoke, until the slow tolling of a single bell



A crowd listening to the morning service outside Dunblane Cathedral, where all the pews were full

comfort.

ing that they were sad, confused and a little frightened.

It was not wrong, he told them, to cry or to tell others

how they felt. But he asked

them, above all, to smile in

remembrance of the special

things about their departed

friends, and to hold hands

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As the children did so Mr

McIntosh, in a voice which he

struggled to keep steady, read

out the names of the 16 dead

children and their teacher. As

he did so the rest of the

congregation reached for a neighbour's hand. In a ser-

ing before a bank of floral tributes and a grand piano covered in teddy bears, a tiny fraction of the tributes that have arrived in the city since Wednesday, the Rev Colin McIntosh, minister of Dunblane Cathedral, told a bowed congregation: "We come here with the things we do believe, and the things we cannot understand. We are hoping, praying and trusting

that God will meet us here." As television cameras broadcast the service live, Mr McIntosh confessed: "Our thoughts today overwhelm us and words are hard to find." He turned to the children in

Garden of Gethsemane where a notice deterring guided tours reads "Please, no explanations in this church". Today, in this church, and in all the churches of the land, there can be no explanation. We cannot answer why this should have happened. God knows that this is not the time

or the place for explanation." The first numbness was beginning to pass, and the reality was beginning to confront the community. Mr McIntosh spoke of "that awful sense we have that with the death of so many children and their teacher, something of our own life has lost its

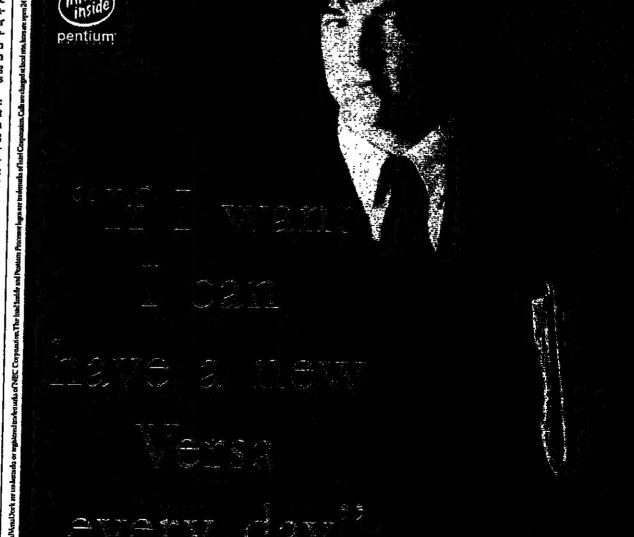
betrayal, Mr McIntosh said

he had recently visited the Church of All Nations at the

"Silence, space and time: these, I think, are our needs at the moment. But not an explanation. Fear, trembling and tears are not an explanation, but they are an expres-sion of faith. Give us the courage to dream that our joy

As the choral Amen died away, the congregation filed out, some to take coffee and consolation in the village hall, but many to their private thoughts. The pain is as yet unassuaged, for the coming week is a week of 17 funerals.

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Donations already helping families

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

DONATIONS from around the world are already being used to meet the immediate financial needs of the families of the bereaved and injured children and teachers in Dunblane.

The Bereaved Families Fund (Dunblane) opened on Friday with a £2,000 donation from the Safeway supermarket group. Thousands of pounds have been pledged since with calls coming from America, Australia, South Af-

rica and Germany. Tony Banks, director of The Leprosy Mission in Scotland, who is chairing the fund, said that it had already helped one family with the cost of mourning clothes. "We have been inundated with telephone calls

Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, has appealed to the media to "reduce the scale of their presence" in Dunblane to help people to recover from the tragedy. There appears to be genuine and justifiable concern that the sheer number of journalists from all parts of the media may cause added distress to the grieving families during the week in which the funerals of the murdered children are to be held," he said. "They will need over the coming weeks to bury their children and start to find a route to recovery." **Matthew Parris**

pledging hundreds of pounds and some of the affected families have been in touch with us."

Mr Banks said that the fund had organised a rota of volunteers with private cars to transport one family on the 80mile round trip to visit their child in hospital in Glasgow. All the families of the dead

and injured have been sup-

the families and we are workplied with three to four days of oven-ready meals. They have been told not to worry about

telephone, heating or lighting

More than 100 volunteers from Dunblane have offered to help the families, many putting their cars at the fund's disposal. Others have offered to clean, cook and garden for the grieving families. A

number of fund-raising activities are being planned and some of the larger Scottish companies have applied for collection tins to organise donations from staff.

Mr Banks said: "We're hoping for at least £100,000. We would like to offer every family a respite holiday in three to four months' time. "Our main aim is to support

ing in conjunction with local churches and the local authorities." ☐ The Bereaved Families Fund (Dunblane), which is applying for charitable status, can be contacted on 01786 449266. A bank account num-

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Rough reception for visitor from Brussels as Cornish trawlermen accuse her of dodging the issue

Port in a storm as fish commissioner tries to make peace

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

CORNISH trawlermen gave tne European Fisheries Commissioner, Emma Bonino, the rough edge of their tongues yesterday when she visited Newlyn during a tour of

British fishing ports.

Bombarded with questions at a meeting in the Newlyn fish market, Signora Bonino conceded that the European Union's common fisheries policy (CFP) needed "important changes". Struggling to get her point across in broken English, she also offered to provide legal advice on how Britain could reduce the impact of "quota hoppers" - foreign-owned vessels which register in Britain to qualify for a share of the fish catch allocated to the British fleet.

Describing herself as "a friend of the UK", Signora Bonino said: "There is a wide spectrum of things which can be done and there is the possibility of improving the CFP. The problem is how, within the EU framework." One skipper, Mick Mahon,

drew cheers as he sarcastically thanked Signora Bonino for uniting the British fishing industry and said the only solution was for the Government to withdraw from the CFP and to reimpose national control over British waters.

Another trawlerman, Mick Faulkner, who was involved in clashes with Spanish tuna boats two years ago, accused Signora Bonino of "dodging the issue" and told her that she "should not have bothered coming". Mr Faulkner said after the meeting: "She kept talking about the free market and described fish as a common resource but that misses the point. The French and Spanish want to fish in Irish

and British waters because 85 per cent of the fish are here. Once we have caught what we need, then we can talk about swapping what is left for what we want to catch in other countries' waters."

Signora Bonino gave as good as she got. Far from being put out of business, she declared, the British fishing fleet had expanded from 116,000 gross registered tonnes in 1986 to 239,000 tonnes last year. Britain had forfeited £12 million in EU grants to modernise its fishing vessels because it had failed to meet targets for reducing the size of its fleet.

The commissioner's recep tion might have been much rougher. Most of the Newlyn fleet was at sea taking advantage of neap tides and only about 20 trawlermen turned out to hear her.



Emma Bonino, the Fisheries Commissioner, in Newlyn, Cornwall, yesterday. Fishermen told her she should not have bothered coming

Agent for Spanish boats denies 'pirate' tag

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

THE Spanish-born director of a fishing company in Wales has every chance of winning hundreds of thousands of pounds, possibly millions, in damages from the Government. It is a prospect that infuriates British trawlermen who see John Couceiro as little more than a pirate plundering national fish stocks. But for Mr Couceiro and his brother Joseph. a co-director of the company, the recent decision by the European Court of Justice upholding their right to compensation was a vindication of membership of the EU.

"We are supposed to be living and working in a single market," Mr Conceiro said. "All we are asserting is our right to practise our business wherever we want in the European Union and to sell our fish at whatever ports offer the best prices." The

Conceiros' parents came to Britain in the 1950s. John, the elder brother, was five and Joseph was born here. Both have spent their lives here and hold

In the 1980s the family set up the Clearmaine company in Milford Haven to act as managing agents for Spanish-owned boats which had registered in Britain so as to qualify for a share of Britain's fish quota.

In 1989 the Government introduced

required that 75 per cent of the shareholders of companies owning British-registered fishing vessels should be British nationals. "It was a crippling blow", Mr Couceiro said. Two years later, the European Court ruled that the nationality clause of the Act was illegal, and later this year the brothers will take their fight for

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Half of secret **MoD** couriers lose their jobs

By Michael Évans Defence correspondent

AN ELITE group of couriers who carry top secret docu-ments and coding equipment around the world for the Ministry of Defence has been cut by half to meet Treasury budget cuts.

Staff of the Defence Courier Service, which dates from the time of Henry VIII, has been cut from 140 to 71. Only 34 are couriers, the rest are sorters and clerical staff. Couriers, all former warrant officers from the Army, Royal Navy and RAF, will also be obliged to negotiate cut-price deals with airlines to save money, if they cannot use RAF flights.

The former senior NCOs are employed by the Defence Postal and Courier Services Agency, which is having to prune its annual £15.9 million budget by £20 million over the next 10 years. This followed the MoD's Frontline First review, launched two years ago after the Treasury demanded savings of £750 mil-

lion in defence spending. Brigadier Tweedie Brown, chief executive of the agency which was formed in 1992, said: "We may have to deliver classified equipment to a Roy-al Navy ship that's calling in Rio de Janeiro and we must get it there in the fastest and cheapest way we can."

The MoD couriers, who work closely with the Foreign Office's Queen's Messengers, provide a secure service for carrying material classified secret and above outside Great Britain and for top secret and special category material within the United Kingdom.

Specially vetted couriers carry the material throughout their journey. They go daily to Northern Ireland and are constantly on the move because the amount of classified material that needs to be delivered around the world is increasing.

Brigadier Brown said: "We receive, dispatch and distribute 50,000 items of the nation's secrets worldwide every month. You can tell if there's a crisis in the world which has defence implications because there's a rapid increase in courier traffic."



Defence courier service dates back to Henry VIII

Runners who faced a packet of trouble

THERE is a long tradition of the special courier, or king's messenger, being dispatched with secret material around the world. A history pub-lished in the 1920s described some of the hazards.

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In 1861, during the American Civil War, a messenger was sent to deliver a secret package to British officials in Washington. The British observed neutrality in the war but they were not popular in the North because of suspicions that they tacitly supported the South. He faced "inveterate hatred" and was called a "darned Victorian

the Franco-Prussian war in 1870, a British courier had to be rescued by the French gendarmerie from a screaming mob when he was spotted making notes while sitting in a café in Le Mans. They thought he was a Prussian spy, but all he was doing was jotting down





England's largest surviving 14th-century altarpiece: the 12ft oak panel at the thatched church in Thornham Parva, Suffolk. Fifty villagers are faced with raising the final £60,000 of a £228,000 restoration illage church counts the cost of saving medieval saints

By DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A NORMAN church in Suffolk will have to sell its prized possession, the largest surviving 14thcentury English altarpiece, unless it can raise £60,000 for urgent conservation.

Paint is flaking from the 12ft-long depiction of the Crucifixion and eight saints. One of the few

survived six centuries, the value of a work of such size, date and rarity is virtually impossible to estimate. The total cost of restoration is £228,000, to which the National Heritage Memorial Fund and English Heritage have committed £168,000.

The flint church, which has a Saxon window, thatched roof and tower and 14th-century wall-paintings, is set in the tiny, remote village of Thornham Parva. The scope for a local appeal is limited: the population is no more than 50. The oak altarpiece, which dates from the 1330s, has been sent to a

leading restoration centre, the Hamilton Kerr Institute in Cambridge, part of the Fitzwilliam Museum. Ian McClure, the institute's director, said: "It is manifestly deterioriziting." The treatment required is so extensive and the operation so delicate that it will take two years to complete.

Martin Kay, a church warden. said: "We are determined, if we can, to preserve this national treasure, which people visit from all over the world." Part of the funds will be used to improve lighting and security in the church, a requirement of the two heritage bodies. Mr Kay said that

if all efforts to raise the £60,000 failed, the church would sell the altarpiece or lend it to a museum.

The panel was found in a stable on a Suffolk estate in the 1920s and given to the church. A label indicated that it was bought in a 1778 farm sale at Stradbroke, Suffolk. The inclusion of the saints Dominic and Peter Martyr suggest a Dominican origin, probably the 1335 priory at Thetford, Norfolk, whose property passed after the Dissolution to a family connected with Strad-

Mr McClure said the altarpiece had undergone a series of ad hoc restorations dating from the 18th century. In the 1930s a conservator had removed some sections of 18th-century overpaint and had painted over sections he could not restore properly. Another restorer

had badly regilded it in the 1960s. The original paint was flaking and if left any longer would be impossible to separate from the overpaint.

The church's dampness and humidity were added problems but the wail-paintings would suf-fer if the humidity were reduced. The solution was "a discreet case so that it still looks like altarpiece and not an object in a case".

Union to bar student extremists from office

By John O'Leary and Jennie Bristow

STUDENTS with extreme political or religious views will be barred from standing for full-time representative posts under a code of practice being negotiated between their

union and vice-chancellors. University officials have become increasingly concerned Dut militant Islamic groups in particular. Confrontations took place on a number of campuses as the fundamentalist group Hizb ut-Tahrir tried to recruit new members at the start of the academic year. London Guildhall University closed all its buildings and sent staff home for the day on police advice after a demon-

stration by Hizb ut-Tahrir. The code, likely to be ap-proved in principle at the National Union of Students' annual conference next week, would stop short of banning such groups from campuses. But members would be barred from elections for sabbatical

Two cases involving student union officers in the capital have added to fears of a resurgence in student militancy. Nick de Marco, union president at Kingsway College, was expelled for throwing paint over Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman. and six union members at South Bank University were suspended over allegations of financial impropriety and in-

timidation of other students. NUS officers and the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals have reached agreement on the need to act against a range of fringe organisations. A spokesman said: "The code would not

target any one group but extremism more generally."

Motions to be debated at the NUS conference in Blackpool say the union should meet the vice-chancellors to "draft and implement a national code of practice as a guide to dealing with extremist groups. The moves will be strongly op-posed by leftwingers, anxious at the catch-all nature of a ban. but are unlikely to be defeated.

Some delegates to the conference will argue that the mocracy and free speech. Kate Simmons, who will lead the delegation from Goldsmiths College, southeast London, said: "All this stuff about extremism is rubbish. On the one hand, NUS talks about student apathy but then it makes out that students are all running around promoting extreme political views. They

can't have it both ways." However, leaders of the NUS believe that the low turnout in many student elections, particularly in further education colleges, makes the code necessary. Political extremists need only a small number of otes to take over local unions.

Over the past three years. the union has tried to clamp down on extremist groups. In 1994, Hizb ut-Tahrir was censured for its campus activities, alleged to be hostile to Jews and homosexuals, and last year's conference called for the prosecution of members of the group. Last December the Islamic Society at University College London was disaffiliated from the union amid controversy over its alleged links with Hizb ut-Tahrir.

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Film centre plans £60m showcase

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

planning to move the National Film Theatre from its cramped home on the South Bank in London to the West End, with the historic Rialto cinema the most favoured

The plans are part of a £60 million scheme to create a showcase for cinema that will do justice to "the primary art form of the 20th century".

Negotiations are under way for the move to the Rialto, an historic Edwardian building in Piccadilly that has been empty for 13 years. Lord Attenborough and Sir David Puttnam were among campaigners who successfully opposed proposals for a Fashion Cafe" on the site submitted by four super-models. The BFI is also considering two cinemas

around Shaftesbury Avenue. The move is among initiatives to be announced on Wednesday by the institute that will include expanding the Museum of the Moving Image into the NFT's vacated South Bank building. There is

THE British Film Institute is also a scheme to transform the nearby "cardboard city" within Waterloo's bullring into an 800-seat cinema. with an Imax screen, ten times larger than the norm. A glass- and steel-domed rotunda will be built.

A BFI spokesman said the homeless using the area would not be forgotten. "We are working with social services at Lambeth council to see how we can help the people who are there. That would involve some cash."

In May, the BFI will apply to the Arts Council for a £12 million lottery grant, towards the £18 million cost of the Imax cinema. For Momi's expansion, the institute will apply to the National Heritage Memorial Fund for £10 million. It is also making new prints of 20 classic films to tour regional film theatres.

Adrian Wootton, head of the BFI, said film was underfunded. "While opera, theatre, even the novel continue to state funding, film is the poor

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Chef school swamped by eager amateurs disillusioned with their careers in the City

High-flyers leap from the fire into the frying pan

TIRED and frustrated by the pressures of a humdrum existence, an army of bankers. City traders, journalists and salesmen are seeking celebrity status and self-fulfilment in the heat and bustle of the restaurant kitchen.

In ever increasing numbers. they exchange high salaries and stress for a lower wage and the lash of a head chef's tongue when they enrol on courses designed for the aspiring amateur.

Britain's restaurants are short of skilled chefs but high achievers, underwhelmed by their first career, are now eager to fill the gap. Salaries for senior chefs have risen by up to 25 per cent but money is seldom the reason for the newcomers' ambitions to slave over a hot stove.

John Roberts, director of the Butler's Wharf Chef School in southeast London, said: "This week we have had applications from a BBC journalist, a newspaper reporter, a banker, a commodities dealer and a computer salesman. I have just had a call from a businessman in Hull who wants to take our advanced chefs' programme, which would cost him £5,000 for six months' training. People see being a chef as a satisfying and fulfill-

ing job."
The Chef School, supported by catering trade organ-isations, the London Dock-

tion and the London Borough of Southwark, was set up specifically to tackle the shortage of chefs and front of house staff for Britain's fast growing number of restaurants.

Unlike conventional catering colleges that offer fixed courses and supply many of the catering staff who work in schools, hospitals, hotels and contract catering, the school aims to suit programmes to individual requirements. It welcomes applications from mature students with no previous experience in catering.

its students operate a restaurant, The Apprentice, under the supervision of Andy Sargent, the school's senior chef, who formerly cooked for King Husain and Queen Noor of Jordan. The Apprentice serving set lunches at £8.50 and d la carte dinners, is full every lunchtime and booked a week ahead for dinner, despite competing with the four res-Conran's Gastrodrome com-

The school has 180 students and 200 more are on a waiting list. Mr Roberts said: "People are coming to us from all walks of life. There is a feeling that being a chef has glamour and status.

Tracey Locke, 31. formerly employed by Warburgs in the City, Holland, Germany and Japan, was so keen to enlist as a trainee chef that she worked

place on the advanced course. "I did not want to work in securities any more and I had been doing a lot of entertaining at home," she said. "When I heard about this course it seemed ideal because I enjoy cooking. I find my administrative experience useful, because chefs have to keep accounts. place orders, rotate stock and

which come easily to me." Miss Locke has taken part in two cookery competitions, winning a bronze medal in one, and hopes that when she completes her course she will be able to get a job at Le Pont de la Tour, the Conran restaurant immediately opposite the

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Susan Casey, 36, worked for Prudential Securities on the futures market before becoming a trainee chef. Sporting two burns on her forearms and three blue plasters on fingers cut by sharp skate bones, she said: "I wanted a change of scene after 17 years. I had been a passionate hobby cook and I wanted to see if I could do something professionally. Ultimately I would like to have a restaurant of my

Mr Roberts said: "About 30 per cent of our trainee chefs come from outside the industry. What we look for is not experience but commitment, dedication and enthusiasm.

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Susan Casey, left, and Tracey Locke, who gave up jobs in the City to train at Butler's Wharf Chef School

Shoppers shun American-style retail hypermarkets

AMERICAN-style hypermarkets that were expected to revolutionise shopping in this country are being shunned by

Two of the three "shopping clubs" set up to encourage people to copy American bulk-buying habits have gone into liquidation and the third is surviving by paring profit

British supermarket chains believe they have beaten off the American interlopers. A spokesman for Sains-

bury's said: "We have not felt an impact from these shops. Our customers know they get a first-rate service when they come to us, while the warehouse stores are not renowned for the customer service they

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dundant. Unsold stocks, including thousands of rolls of toilet paper, are piled up in the

Last year all three warehouses of Cargo Club were closed. The British cash-andcarry retailer had been tempted into the market by the profitability of conventional out-of-town stores but lost its nerve after disappointing firstyear results. The sites of the stores in Croydon, Bristol and

to Sainsbury's. A spokesman for Nurdin & Peacock, Cargo Club's parent company, said: "We didn't do as well as we expected to so we police out of the market."

The only warehouse chain surviving is Coston, which has five stores. As an American company it has more experience of a market in which profit margins are water thin. By selling in bulk the warehouse shops are able to undercut conventional supermarkets. Pet food is sold by the crate and ketchup by the gallon, leading members to organise communal shopping trips and share their pur-chases with friends or

neighbours. in Britain there are 100,000 shopping club members who pay between £25 and £35 to join while one in ten Americans is a member of at least



One man and his dog and a thousand tapeworms

the term working dog to describe the dogs at Cruits this week. The dogs they regard as "working" are those on One Man and His Dog. .The farm, the shepherd and

his dog are a truly efficient working unit but not a unit without hazard. Worms, and subsequently hydatid disease, are a risk. The association between man and dog is so close that the tapeworms, echi-nococcus granulosus, which uses the dogs as a definitive host, thereafter uses sheep, or man, as an intermediate host in its lifecycle.

Dogs become infested with tapeworm when they eat sheep's offal. Usually it is the sheep's liver that is infected but it is often the lungs and can be almost any other organ' that carries the cysts that form part of the lifecycle of a dog

After the dog has eaten the cyst-infected meat, the worm grows in its intestines and as each worm sheds five to eight hundred eggs every fortnight, passed with the dog's faeces, pasture soon becomes infected and the contaminated grass readily grazed.

The dog owner who be**VL**EDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

comes the intermediate host" recently reviewed the success does so because he has not washed his hands after touching or grooming the dog and before eating. It is traditionally in Wales

that dogs and their handlers have been most seriously affected by tapeworms - about 150 cases are admitted to hospital each year. The cystic stage in humans is known as hydadidosis and the cysts as hydadid cysts. Many cysts remain symptomless and are well walled off by surrounding tissues but others grow to a great size - one well recorded cyst contained over 50 litres, enough to fill 60 wine bottles.

The cysts can become infected or rupture. complications that can be fatal. In 1 per cent of cases cysts form in the brain and cause epilepsy. The Public Health Laboratory Service in Wales has of a programme started in South Powys designed to control, and it is hoped, eradicate

the spread of the tapeworm.

Their recent report in the BMJ shows that regular dos-ing of the farm dogs with praziquantel, marketed as Droncit, eliminates infestation in dogs and reduces its prevalence in sheep. In 1975 a quarter of farm dogs in Powys were infected. When the dosing regime started in Llangenny one dog passed 1,000 worms.

Dogs from Crufts as well as from Llangenny need de-worming and their owners are taking a chance, albeit a small wash their hands before eating, kiss their dogs or allow them to sleep on their pillow -the dog's bottom may rest where their lips will lie.

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company broke own rules

Yorkshire Water failed in follow its own conergence guidelines intended to averta crisis such as last ye drought, an inquiry in Leon will be told today. A report by the National Rivers Author. ity accuses the company breaching its own rales by allowing reservoirs to drive acting slowly to cut deman and failing to reduce massive

leakage from its pipes.

The investigation, which has no legal status, was commissioned by Yorkshire Water after a public and political outcry over its handling of the drought.

Air defence test

The nation's air defences will be tested to the limit this week, starting today, as jets from the United States, France, Holland, Germany, Denmark and Belgium simu late attacks. Exercise Brilliant Foil, is designed to test the operational capabilities of British air defence forces.

Suicide notes

A woman who murdered her two sons then committed suicide left seven letters for relatives, police said yesterday. Isabelle Williams, H. stabbed Rhodri. 14, and Steffan, II, with a carving knife before killing herself at their home in Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, on Friday.

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West appeal

Rosemary West, the serial killer, today launches an attempt to quash her ten life sentences. West, 42, is seeking leave to appeal against her convictions last November. Leo Goatley, her solici-tor, said West had decided not to appear before three Appeal Court judges.

Pioneers' place

Work has started on a garden of memories at Brooklands, Surrey, dedicatand motor racing. Plaques in memory of great names such as Sir Malcolm Campbell, John Cobb and A. V. Roe are expected to be

Driver's fare deal

Anthony Shackel, a British businessman, had his holdall containing £25,000 returned intact by a taxi driver after he left it in a cab at Manila airport in the Philippines. Another driver who returned a similar amount last month received a house and a presidential citation.

Dial-a-bore

An author who has compiled: An author who has complied "the most boring book in the world" confidently expects to become a best-seller. The Good Code Book by John Young is claimed to be the first to list every telephone dialling code in the world, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe.

Anglers drowned

Two anglers were found dead after they failed to return from a night lishing trip off Llanddwyn Island, Gwynedd. A search was organised after one body was found on the shore by a coasiguard patrol in the Menai Straits. The other body was found near by.

Disabled left out

Large companies are more likely to employ people with disabilities although only 40 per cent of L250 employers, surveyed hired disabled workers. Many firms claimed that they received no job applications from disabled people, according to the Insti-tute for Employment Studies.

57 share Lottery

Saturday's National Lottery jackpot of £8.3 million was shared by 57 people, the second highest number since the game began. They receive £145,859 each. Only 55 players chose five correct numbers plus the bonus ball, winning £46,511 each.

Winning numbers, page 20

Crèche for the elderly

introducing a creche for the elderly so that staff who have to look after aged relatives can leave them there during working hours.

The creche, for staff at the John Radcliffe and Churchill hospitals, was the brainchild of the Churchill's occupational therapy unit, where the service

TWO hospitals in Oxford are al therapist, got the idea from a similar proposal at the Peugeot car plant in Coventry.

"Looking after elderly relatives as well as following a career is a real problem for many people," she said.
There are facilities for child care but the idea of a creche for another age group is new and would be self-financing, with charges as low as possible.

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Nicholson,

Hyakutake will be visible to the naked eye this week as it passes 10 million miles from Earth

New comet promises to brighten the night sky

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE brightest comet for 20 years should be visible to the naked eye before the end of the week, astronomers are predicting. Comet Hyakutake, discovered in January by the Japanese amateur astronomer Yuji Hyakutake, can already been seen with binoculars, but

rises late at night.

Dr Mark Bailey of Armagh
Planetarium says that by Friday it should be visible all night and will lie conveniently close to star groupings such as

Hyakutake will be about the size of the full Moon, but much dimmer and more diffuse, with a point of brightness in the centre. To see it properly will require a clear night and a site well away from bright lights. Allow at least ten minutes for the eyes to become accustomed to the dark. Ordinary binoculars can help to identify the comet, particularly its mil. which may otherwise be too dim to see. Hyakutake is very similar to

Halley's Comet in size and brightness but will come much closer to the Earth. Its closest approach, on March 25, will bring it to within about 10 million miles. According to Dr Brian Marsden, director of the Central Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams in Cambridge, Massachusetts, it will be the most active comet to pass this close to Earth since

Predicting just how bright it will be is tricky, however. Because of its very closeness. its brightness will be spread over a greater angle, diluting the visual impact. Astronomers have been caught out before by predicting that a comet will be a brilliant sight, only to be proved wrong, so most are adopting a cautious

One who is not is Dr Charles Morris of California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, who calls Hya-kutake "potentially the first great comet we have seen



since 1976, when Comet West graced our skies". A truly great comet, he says, "hangs like a ghost in the sky, which is why the ancients were so terrified of them".

The cornet was discovered at the end of January with the use of powerful binoculars

heads back into the deep reaches of space. John Mason of the British Astronomical Association has a hunch that the best time to see it may be in the evening sky in the middle of April. Once it has gone it will not be back for several

This time next year, however, promises another chance to see a great comet, when Hale-Bopp makes its closest approach to the Sun on April 1. Astronomers are desperately hoping this comet does not make a fool of them, as early predictions suggest it could be very bright indeed.

Hale-Bopp was first seen last summer, when still well outside the orbit of Jupiter. If it continues to brighten as it approaches the Sun, and does not fade out as did comet Kohoutek in 1974, Hale-Bopp should be a winner.

"I figure that Hale-Bopp is a good bet to knock our socks off next year," the comet expert Dr Harold Weaver says in



Hyakutake sports a faint tail in this photograph, taken with a five-minute exposure with an astronomical camera

Ashdown tells party to prepare for autumn poll

PADDY ASHDOWN yesterday put his party on a war footing for a probable general election this autumn. The Liberal Democrat leader was joined at his party's spring conference in Nottingham by Emma Nicholson, the recent defector from the Tory party, who fiercely attacked her old colleagues and said that it was vital for democracy that they were defeated.

Miss Nicholson, MP for Torridge and West Devon, said that the Conservative n'arty was irrevocably split over Europe and "many of the remaining Tories will soon walk out in despair".

For the first time in two years, Mr Ashdown moved to reassert differences between his party and the Labour Party. Last year he dropped the policy of Liberal Democrat "equidistance" between the Conservatives and Labour. Yesterday he made clear that Labour were part of the enemy camp despite signals from Tony Blair this weekend that new Labour might support changes to Britain's electoral

But Mr Ashdown said new Labour believed in "state-sponsored morality" and au-thoritarianism. He accused Mr Blair and his spin doctors of "thought police centralism" and trying to enforce a nanny

New Labour, Mr Ashdown



Nicholson addressing the conference yesterday

claimed, was trying to reshape Britain in the image of Singapore. Mr Blair, he warned the conference, would soon be fining people for neglecting to pull the lavatory chain. "They will end up with policies which punish the sinner but ignore the sin," he said.

Outlining his manifesto for the next election, Mr Ashdown said the difference between Labour and the Liberal Democrats on policy was one be-tween fudge and clarity. He said his party emphasised the "self-reliance of individuals" in strong communities. He made clear there would be no cosy pre-election pact with Mr

Earlier, Mr Ashdown announced a "gay charter" of homosexual rights. He said that the major who had trained him for the Royal Marines and one of the men with him in the Special Boat Squadron had been homosexual, and that they were exem-

Asked whether the charter would be a vote-losing policy. he said: "If you really believe that political leadership is about ducking these issues as Labour obviously does, in order to pander to people's prejudices, well, fine, go ahead and vote Labour."

He added: "But if you want a Britain based on fairness and you believe the discrimination in all forms is a foul abomination, the only thing to do is to vote Liberal

Mr Ashdown made clear that closer ties with Europe would be a cornerstone of the manifesto. Miss Nicholson argued for a federal Europe when she addressed the conference. She called for "a federation

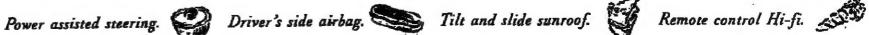
grounded in subsidiarity", and received a standing ovation. She said: "With citizen participation, Europe can embrace la culture de la paix for

The party made a U-turn on education after a conference battle, dropping its long-held belief in free education for students. It is now committed to a student-loan scheme paid back through National Insurance.



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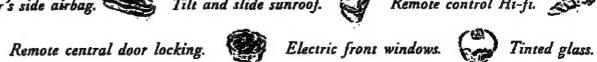
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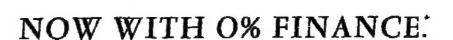


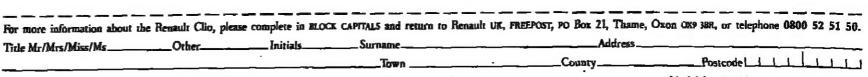
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Time for Rifkind to take a closer look at options for a flexible Europe

hen Malcolm Rif-kind rises to his feet in the House of Commons debate on the Europe White Paper on Thursday, attention will be focused on whether or not the Foreign Secretary tilts towards sceptics or pro-Europeans, his body language on a single currency referendum and other such Westminster preoccupations.

But the listener may also be keeping an ear cocked for mention of a "flexible" EU. As usual with Euro-jargon, a bland word signals a political



wander into this explosive ground, for his advisers are divided on the wisdom of doing so. In fact, Mr Rifkind has little to lose and a great deal to gain by plunging into an argument whose terms are already being set by politi-

Big, bad ideas inside the EU often begin as single, apparently innocuous sentences buried in communiques issued after the French President and German Chancellor have had one of their tête-à-têtes. Recently these documents have been sprin-kled with terms like "reinco-operation" forced suggestions for a "flexibility

clause". Last week Alain

Juppé, the French Prime

ern towns and Serbs in sub-

urbs around Sarajevo left

rather than submit themselves

to the civilian rule of their

Speaking after chairing a meeting between Bosnia's

Muslim. Croat and Serb civil-

the federation authorities to

create the conditions for the

return of Serbs to the Sarajevo

suburbs as a first step towards

reversing the trend towards

Insisting that the peace pro

cess was not at risk. Mr Bildt said, however, that the fac-

tions showed no sign of being

able or willing to co-operate in

During a meeting of Balkan

leaders and the Western pow-

ers in Geneva today, pressure

will be brought to bear on all

parties to release the hundreds

of prisoners still held in viola-

tion of the Dayton accords.

The leaders of Bosnia, Croatia

and Serbia will also be told

that they have to co-operate

fully with the UN war crimes

☐ Mostar: A blockade of

southern Bosnia's main tran-

sit road ended yesterday when Croat police let Muslims visit

cemeteries on Croat-held land near the divided city of Mostar, witnesses said. Mus-

lim protesters had blockaded

the road where it skirts Mus-

lim-held east Mostar after

Croat police refused to let

ern half of the city en route

to the graves on Saturday,

European Union sources

tribunal in The Hague.

rebuilding the economy.

ian leaders, Mr Bildt called on

former adversaries.

ethnic separation.

club based round France and

Living in an EU half-run by an informal alliance between France and Germany is bad enough; domination by a formal, exclusive elite would be worse.

But there is an up side as well. As the appeal of a federal Europe dims and more and more states are poised to enter the EU at the century's end, people have begun to think more boldly about what the Union is for and what it might look like in

Minister, suggested that the EU should be run by an inner tional wisdom sees two possibilities. Either the EU drifts into being a baggy, loose-knit association incapable of anything decisive or difficult, or it recovers its "capacity to act" - a term of which Jacques Delors was very fond - by allowing a small group of

> But other ways of redis-tributing power exist. A group of economists gathered by the Centre for Economic Policy Research recently produced a little

states to give a lead towards

book called Flexible Integration: Towards a more Effective and Democratic Europe. Perhaps because it is written in the lifeless English used by economists, perhaps because politicians who debate Europe are so entrenched that they have lost interest in new ideas, the book has attracted almost no attention. A lone Danish diplomat has been seen carrying a copy. But Flexible Integration should not only be on Mr Rifkind's desk but also in the briefcases of the Labour Party's Euro-

pean policy analysts. The authors suggest that

only by working out what is worth doing in common. where collective rules really add value for everybody. Their suggestions include: the single market, trade policy. industrial policy, northsouth subsidies, harmonised VAT. a reformed common agricultural policy and a coordinated monetary policy. This list might stick in the craw of many Euro-sceptics. but it is the thrust of the scheme that counts.

Beyond the common base. smaller groups of states would be allowed to form under strict rules. Partnerships, such as a single currency cone, could be set up only when the entire EU agreed that they would not interfere with or harm the "common base". These clubs would be open to all states on reasonable terms. "For example, you wouldn't be able to exclude people who have blue eyes and who live on an island in the North Sea." says one of the report's authors. Professor Jürgen von Hagen of Mannheim University.

GEORGE BROCK

Lights out

for café

society in

France

FROM SUSAN BELL

LONG-FACED French café

owners gathered in Paris at-

the weekend for their annual

convention, muttering darkly

about the crisis in their

close this year. Although most

French people profess sadness

when told that another exam-

ple of what is regarded as a

national institution has disap-

peared, their sentimental at-

tachment does not translate

into active support. The num-

ber of cutes has decreased by

40 per cent in 15 years and a

recent survey showed that one

in two people never patronises cafés, while 37 per cent do so

Even the language of the

cufé, daring from a less hur-

ried era when customers

would order romantically named cocktails, such as a

môminette or a vol de nuit;

The arrival of a McDo - the popular term for McDonald's

in the neighbourhood can

slice a cafe's profits by 30 per

cent. Recently an influx of

Japanese karaoke bars and

Tex-Mex restaurants have cut

further into the bistro's

takings. A possibly more.

deadly predator is the cyber-cafe. A dozen have already

opened in Paris, packed with

rows of patrons silently surf-

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has all but vanished.

More than 6,000 cafes will

profession.

Sarajevo arsonists fan the flames of ethnic separation

FLEEING Serbs set fire to Sarajevo's main market at the weekend, raising fears that Bosnia-Herzegovina is hurtling towards partition instead of the multi-ethnic sentlement envisaged by the Americanleave their homes," Mr Ivanko brokered Dayton accord.

In the biggest blaze of the scores of fires started by Serb arsonists in recent weeks, the main covered market in the inner-city area of Grbavica was raging out of control last night, with little or no attempt to suppress the flames.

Serb firelighters have refused to tackle the fires, while Muslim-Croat crews have been unwilling to assume the task because of Serb threats to their safety. Four hand-grenades were thrown at Muslim-Croat firefighters working in the market district of the city on Friday night, and a bomb exploded shortly after they arrived.

Most Serbs have left the Grhavica district, which is due to be transferred to the Muslim-Croat authorities tomorrow as part of a series of territorial exchanges. However, the retreating Serbs have looted and set fire to scores of houses and flats as part of a scorched-earth policy, while Muslim gangs have baited the few Serbs staving behind.

United Nations officials have publicly rebuked the Muslim-led Government for failing to stop Muslim and terrorising Sarajevo Serbs.

Alexander Ivanko, the UN spokesman, said that Muslim-Croat Federation policemen

appeared "indifferent" to their obligations to preserve law and order. "Federation policemen were seen laughing and encouraging Muslims |who were| insulting Serbs and attempting to force them to

Nato troops yesterday detained 12 men whom they suspected of setting fire to buildings in Grbavica. There were unconfirmed reports that

they had later been released. Carl Bildt, the international mediator, issued a warning on Saturday that the rival factions were pushing relentlessly for ethnic separation instead of reintegration.

Since the signing of the Dayton peace accord in December, tens of thousands of civilians across Bosnia have fled areas being handed over to rival ethnic groups. Under pressure from their own authorities, Croats in two west-



Bildt: insisted that peace deal was not in jeopardy

Medical advice ignored by Pope

FROM RICHARD OWEN

LOOKING pale and drawn the Pope yesterday defied medical advice and presided over a ceremony creating two new Roman Catholic saints. But he left after half an hour and has cancelled engage-ments for the rest of the month, casting doubt on his visit to Tunisia in April and Slovenia in May.

The first sign that he was ill came last Wednesday, when he failed to appear for his weekly audience. A Vatican spokesman said the Pope, 75, had a slight lever. On Friday he was said to have recovered and to have "woken up singing". But on Saturday the Vatican said he had suffered a "relapse" with "a digestive tract infection".

La Repubblica said the Vatican's refusal to say whether the Pope merely had flu or something more serious was causing concern. After the attempt on his life in 1981. when he was shot in the stomach, a section of the Pope's intestine was removed. In 1992 he had an operation to remove a colon turnour the size of an orange.

Most of the bearification ceremony was conducted by Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Varican Secretary of State. The beatification of two Italian missionaries in Africa, Daniele Comboni (1831-1881) and Guido Maria Conforti (1865-1931), was held inside the Basilica of St Peter's instead of in the great square outside. Pope only appeared for the opening, moving slowly and stiffly to greet worshippers before mounting St Peter's



The Pope makes his first public appearance in Rome yesterday after suffering a fever

The congregation of 20,000. including Africans chanting and dancing and waving spears, greeted this brief ap-

sumereo an aback of nausea during his Christmas message and has since endured a gruelling trip to Central America. looked exhausted. There

Throne to pronounce the be- pearance with prolonged ap- had been reports that the atifications at the start of the plause. But the Pope, who ceremony would be conducted umai Bernardin Gar tin of Benin, which would have increased speculation about an African Pope for the twenty-first century.

correspondent in New York than with the customer at the The cyber-care is the lates in a long line of attempts byfrustrated owners to woo dients back. Concerts and poetry readings are now to be found in many cafes, while the philocafe, where clients debate such philosophical questions as

"what is death?" also enjoys popularity. Jean-Claude Bologne, author of History of Cafes and Cafe-owners, believes that weshould not mourn the passing of the traditional cafe. "Every 50 years we announce the death of the cafe, without realising that new types of socialising replace the old ones." he says. "What is dying today is not the cafe but the postwar bistro which in its time killed the cafe splendide

of the last century, itself the assassin of the French cafe of the 17th century." Robert Henry, president of the National Union of Restaurateurs, blames the death of the city centre for loss of trade. "In small towns they have killed the centre with big. department stores. In Paris. businesses are moving their offices to the suburbs," he said, adding that, when a big insurance agency in north Paris moved, it meant the loss of 850 clients for local cafés.

Republics angered by Russian 'threat'

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

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LEADERS of the former Soviet republics have reacted with irritation and anger to the Russian parliament's resolution to denounce the Belovezhsk Agreement, which buried the Soviet Union.

Nursultan Nazarbayev, the President of Kazakhstan, said yesterday that the vote in the Duma on Friday was the work of "destructive forces". He said there were forces in the Duma which wanted to destroy the Commonwealth of Independent States, which was created by the December 1991 Belovethsk Agreement to succeed the Soviet Union.

Leonid Kuchma, the President of Ukraine, called the vote "a real threat, not only to neighbouring countries but

for the world community as a whole". He said: "Russian deputies have laid a mine under the CIS." Kazakhstan and Ukraine have reason to see the vote as a provocation to their large Russian minorities.

The vote will have serious repercussions only if Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader, wins the Russian presidential elections due to be

Mr Zyuganov said yesterday that there was no question reimposing the Soviet Union by force, but hinted that he would consider radical revisions in Russia's treaty obligations and the shape of

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Bonn attacks Kurd violence

Boun: Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, said yesterday that violent clashes during weekend demonstrations by thousands of emigré Kurds were a "declaration of war" against the rule of law in the country.

There has been enough Kurdish terror in Germany, enough police beaten and bloodied, business areas plunged into chaos, enough organised violent cross-border tourist trips," he said. Violent clashes between

demonstrators and about 10,000 police in the area of Dortmund caused more than 300 injuries, including at least 22 police casualties, About 1,200 people were de-tained of whom more than 300 were held in custody. The Kurds were demonstrating in

support of a homeland of their own (AFP)

Berlusconi dogged by bribery charges

BY RICHARD OWEN

ITALY'S election campaign begins in earnest with Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon and former Prime Minister, facing fresh accusations of bribery and involvement with

the Mafia_ Signor Berlusconi denied the accusations, saying: "I have more connections with China than I do with Sicily". The Centre-Right bloc led by

Signor Berlusconi and the Centre-Left, led by Romano Prodi, will today present their candidates for the April 21 poll. Issues such as taxation have been overshadowed by an inquiry by the Milan Clean Hands magistrates into links between Renato Squillante, a Rome judge arrested last week on corruption charges, and senior members of Signor Berlusconi's Forza Italia party. Behind the complex ma-

nocuvring is a titanic struggle between Antonio Di Pietro, the Milan magistrate who began the Clean Hands anti-corruption drive in 1992, and Signor Berlusconi. Charges against Signor Berlusconi of bribing tax officials helped to topple his coalition Government in 1994 and led to his trial in Milan, which continues,

Signor Di Pietro was then himself accused of "abuse of office". However, he has been cleared of two of the three charges and is preparing to enter politics at the last moment, if cleared of the third

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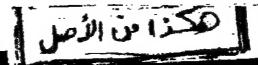




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The move leaves just the US

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Cuban officials

'briefed by CIA'

Washington: Six Cuban offici-

als, including intelligence offi-

cers, had an unprecedented

CIA briefing in New York last

month to show them that two

light aircraft shot down by a

Cuban MiG were not in Cu-

ban airspace (lan Brodie writes). One of the six may

have been a pilot commander.

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· Powell denials fail to halt frenzy over Dole running mate

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

GENERAL Colin Powell yesterday sought to quash a new wave of speculation that he would run for Vice-President with Robert Dole.

The former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff insisted in an interview with the Chicago Sun-Times that he was not interested in the second spot on the Republican presidential ballot. He said he had not been persuaded to change his mind by polls showing that Mr Dole would be defeated by President Clinton in the general election next November, but could win with General Powell on the ticket.

The general said he had taken that possibility into consideration when he decided last November not to run for any office in 1996. Although he was then favoured to beat Mr Clinton, General Powell said he had looked deep into his soul and decided that the rigours of a presidential campaign would require a passion and commitment for political life that he did not have. He was also worried about the impact on his family.

Now he is becoming annoyed by the renewed speculation. "It really irritates me that a few people are purporting to speak for me, stirring up this feeding frenzy about my running for Vice-President," he

Nonetheless, the frenzy continues. Many Republicans, eaget to regain control of the White House, are telling Gen-eral Powell he could help Mr

Dole to win and could then he revealed that in spite of all succeed him in four years to become America's first black

Newt Gingrich, the Republican House Speaker, said he believed General Powell would accept an offer to be Mr Dole's running mate. "It's very hard for me to imagine General Powell turning down that kind of appeal to him. after a lifetime of service." Mr

Similar wish fulfilment was voiced by Senator Alfonse D'Amato, co-chairman of the Dole campaign, who renewed his appeal to General Powell to run for Vice-President, despite having criticised him in the past as lacking courage and conviction.

Mr Dole, however, changed tack. Having seemed optimistic earlier that the general would "suit up" again if asked.



Powell: annoyed by

the speculation he had not talked to General Powell about joining him.

In fact, Mr Dole's advisers have warned him that the more he discusses the general, the more he points to his own weaknesses. With the general's mind so firmly made up against running, they have suggested that Mr Dole might offer him the non-elective post of Secretary of State well in advance of the election.

If General Powell accepted, as some consider likely. Mr Dole would be able to trade on the general's reputation durthe campaign. It would help in casting himself as a proponent of a strong foreign policy and in drawing unfavourable comparisons with Mr Clinton's record overseas. Another advantage in naming General Powell to foreign affairs would be to soften concerns of the Christian Right over the general's prochoice stance on abortion.

That would leave Mr Dole open to make a vice-presidential choice among three powerful Republican Governors in the Midwest - George Voinovich of Ohio, Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin and

John Engler of Michigan. The election could hinge on a fierce battle for the populous Midwest swing states. Mr Clinton took them all in 1992. but a Governor from any one of them on the ticket might be enough to nudge a tight race in favour of Mr Dole.



A pipe band marching up New York's Fifth Avenue during the city's St Patrick's Day parade on Saturday. Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, was one of those who

Adams joins parade

people. He earlier attended Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral, where Cardinal John fliet in Northern Ireland,

was watched by a million O'Connor called on the poli-

tions that give pretexts to men of violence. I urge you to have the courage to face

adding: "Politicians ... do not cause or tolerate condi-

Clinton attacks 'back-alley' gun lobby

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton angrily denounced members of Congress who had listened to the "back-alley whispers of the gun lobby" before gutting an

anti-terrorism Bill. In his weekly radio address, Mr Clinton said a coalition of conservative Republicans and pro-gun Democrats in the

House of Representatives had taken the teeth out of his antiterrorism efforts.

Removed from the Bill were measures that would have allowed the federal Government to specify foreign organisations as terrorist and to deny US entry visas to their representatives. Also stripped were rules to ban terrorist organisations from fundraising in the US and a provision for quick deportation of foreigners who support terrorists without publicly revealing evidence against

*Congress should listen to the cries of victims and the hopes of our children, not the back-alley whispers of the gun lobby," Mr Clinton said. It was unbelievable and ironic that, while he was attending the Egyptian anti-terrorism

summit, the House was dis-mantling tough legislation designed to beat back the very same threat, he said. One provision successfully

opposed by the National Rifle Association would have required chemical marking of explosives that would make bombs easier to trace. Government agents were also denied the ability to use high-tech

French police turn to suicide

Paris: Morale is so low among French police that one officer commits suicide every nine days (Susan Bell writes). This brings the total number of suicides to about 40 a year, according to a police sociolo-gist. Most victims use their service revolvers.

Relatively low Einstein bid

New York: A manuscript of Albert Einstein's theory of relativity failed to meet its reserve at an auction here. Bids for the 72-page document stopped at \$3.3 million (£2.1 million), short of the guide price of \$4 to \$6 million.

Former aide dies

New York: Roswell Gilpatric. who as an aide to President Kennedy played a key role in the Cuban missile crisis of 1962, has died of prostate Obituary, page 19

Woman accused of killing pregnant friend to steal unborn baby

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

A PREGNANT teenager has been shot dead and cut open for her unborn infant, allegedly by a sterile, older woman friend who coveted her child. For the second time in four months. American murder detectives are coping with a crime of foetus theft. an act of unfathomable cruelty that they pray will not turn into a murderous

shock and was described by veteran policemen as the worst they had

Felicia Scott, 29, was charged with the capital murder of her friend Carethia Curry, 17, who was in the late stages of a pregnancy when Miss Scott took her out for a pizza supper on January 31. Miss Curry was not seen again until last week, when her body was found in a plastic rubbish bin at the foot of a 50ft ravine. Miss Scott, meanwhile,

Georgia holding a baby daughter. She claimed the child as her own and said that she gave birth in the back of a car, hence the lack of a hospital birth certificate. Prosecutors have a different ver-

sion. They allege that Miss Scott stole the baby girl from Miss Curry's womb after shooting her repeatedly in the head. The infant survived and now, six weeks old, is "doing well" in state custody.

Miss Scott had in recent weeks repeatedly told friends that she was

physical indication and police have found medical records which state that she had a hysterectomy some time ago. She and Miss Curry met when the teenage girl did some baby-sitting for Miss Scott's sister. When Carethia became pregnant, her older friend shared her excitement, but prosecutors believe that she harboured envy and regret.

Charles Freeman, Tuscaloosa's district attorney, said: "The body had been cut in the abdominal area, am told sufficiently to have

experienced murder chief at Tuscaloosa sheriff's department, said: "I have never in my 21 years in law enforcement known a crime like

The body was found by a tramp who went to search through rub-bish for cans he could sell to a recycling plant. Traces of blood were later found in the back of Miss Scott's car, which she had apparently tried to wash out. She denies the killing and is said to be "shocked and sad", but has been refused bail. The crime has thrown the Ala- had appeared at her family home in pregnant, although there was no removed an infant." Tom Lowe, the Tests will be conducted on the baby guiding motives behind this crime."

and Miss Curry to see if their DNA matches. The killing carries similarities to

a case in Chicago, where in November a pregnant woman was killed and her foetus was stolen as she lay on the ground. One woman and two men have been charged with the murder of Deborah Evans, 28. whose baby boy was found at the home of one of the alleged killers. Joseph Birkett, the chief prosecu-

tor in that case, said: "The desire for





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China tells US to keep warships out of strait

From James Pringle in peking and Jonathan Mirsky in taipei

LI PENG, the Chinese Prime bombed railway system. Mr plans to attack Taiwanese Minister, warned America last night not to send warships into the Taiwan Strait, where China plans to start a new round of military exercises today close to small Taiwanese-owned islands, two of which have already been evacuated.

Asked about the positioning of a US battle group headed by the aircraft carrier USS Independence near the strait, Mr Li said: "The question of Taiwan is a question of China's internal affairs, pure and simple, so no foreign forces should attempt to interfere in any form.

"If some people attempt to stage a show of force in the Taiwan Strait, this would be no help. On the contrary, this would aggravate and complicate the situation."

In a possible allusion to China's entry into the Korean War and later North Vietnam. where Chinese labourers helped to maintain the US- Li said: "If someone threatens the use of force against China, I am sure the outcome has already been proved by past

But while China was warning off the Americans, Pe-king's position towards Taiwan may have softened slightly. An official told The Times that he did not think China would attack Tajwan. "I do not think the current exercises were meant to do that," he said soon after Mr

The official added that "the two sides will continue to talk" after Taiwanese presidential elections next Saturday in which the incumbent, Lee Teng-hui, whom Peking has bitterly attacked for allegedly favouring Taiwanese independence, is the clear front-

Li's press conference.

A similar message was conveved to the BBC when Chen Jian, the Assistant Foreign Minister, said there were no

territory, although the Chinese military had shown its capability of doing so. China's armed forces would take military action only if it was "absolutely necessary".

While Mr Li was telling America to intrude no further into the Taiwan conflict, President Lee accused Peking of practising "state terrorism".

guns," said the President, a reference to Man Tse-tung's famous dictum that "power comes from the barrel of a

However, one of Mr Lee's bitterest political adversaries in the presidential campaign, Lin Yang-kang, who was expelled last year from the ruling Kuomintang party and who stands for better relations with Peking, attacked him yesterday.
"Mr Lee has led the two

sides to the edge of a war," he said. He urged that a peace

signed as soon as possible. Diplomats in Peking note that, while seeking more "space" for Taiwan internationally and even a seat at the United Nations, Mr Lee has always said that he favours reunification, but with a more democratic China. The presidential polls are the first direct elections on Taiwan.

China's exercises are viewe by observers here as an effort to dissuade the Taiwanes electorate from voting for Mr Lee, but reports from Taipei indicate they have had the opposite effect and that his popularity is rising.

They are also a function of

uncertainties in the Chinese leadership at a time when the life of elder statesman Deng Xiaoping. 91. must inevitably be drawing to a close. Factions jostling for his mantle must show themselves to be tough and nationalistic at a time when the Chinese military is adopting a higher profile.

The site of the next exercises,



A mother and son sing songs supporting peace between China and Taiwan at a vigil in Hong Kong yesterday

which begin today and end two days after the polls, is only Il miles from Taiwan's outlying islands of Matsu and Wuchiu, near China, Matsu, with Quemoy, was shelled by

China in the 1950s when the US Seventh Fleet protected Taiwan after the Korean War. American officials said they had been told that the Chinese exercises would be suspended

on polling day, but there was no confirmation of that in Peking. Washington welcomed the end last Friday of missile tests, but urged Peking to stop all war games intimidating Taiwan, calling them "unnecessarily provocative". But the US took comfort from the fact that only four M9 missiles had been fired during

the test. On the subject of Hong Kong, Mr Li said his recent meeting with John Major at the Bangkok Asia-Europe summit had been friendly and constructive. "I would like to express my support and endorsement of the decision by the British Government to Kong Special Administration Region passport-holders," he

He did not agree with other British views that were not in line with the Sino-British Joint Declaration and Basic Law, but both sides attached great importance to seeing an in-crease in economic relations

and trade, he said. Old habits die hard in China. Mr Li's brief press conference was rigged. A few correspondents were invited beforehand to ask questions on selected topics. Some refused to do so, and those who raised their hands were not recognised. This was designed to present a harmonious ver-

Effigy of Deng is burnt at Taipei opposition rally

FROM DAVID WATTS AND

TAIWANESE burned an effigy of Deng Xiaoping and denounced the "barbarians" on the Chinese mainland in a celebration of burgeoning democracy at the weekend. The demonstrations were in many ways reminiscent of the Philippines "people's power" proi years ago

"We Taiwanese are ready to fight - we are ready to die for this land," said Samuel Tsai, a

He, like many others at a rally of the opposition Democratic Progressive Party, has been made even more determined by China's announcement of further war games in the Taiwan Strait beginning today. "Even if they send half a million men to come here. they will not win; we will fight and die. If the Chinese come here, they will be killed. They are a bandit country, they are barbarians."

Another man interjected: "We are part of the free world; the democratic world." Like thousands of DPP supporters

Peking

shakes up

crime laws

By JAMES PRINGLE

CHINA'S parliament yes-

terday revised some of its

criminal laws, approving

measures assuming the innocence of defendants

until proved guilty and

fixing limits on how long suspects can be detained without charge.

Foreign envoys here welcomed the revisions.

Until now, courts have

usually been seen as con-

firming guilt rather than

Those suspected of an

offence will be able to

discuss their cases with a

lawyer after being interro-

gated by police, who can

hold a suspect for only 30

days before applying for

an arrest warrant.

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Some vague sections re-

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mitting police to keep the detention of a suspect

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considering evidence.

pressing the ruling Kuom-intang (Nationalist) Government to pursue independence for Taiwan, and accuses President Lee Teng-hui of failing to make Taiwan's case. in the square, surround by Western-style hotels which symbolise the island's economic success. Taiwanese pressed around foreign journalists as the smoke from the

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burning effigy rose into the warm evening air. Deter-mined to make their views heard: demanding that the world be told of their frustrations with Peking, they were also critical of their own Government, which they accuse of corruption, mismanagement and iron control of the media.

Listening to them, it is hard not to believe that Peking has made a mistake for branding President Lee an arch-separatist. He appears to many of his

Scotty Ho, who wears the trade-mark Taiwanese base-ball cap and runs a photo-graphy shop, said: "Lee thinks that Taiwan is part of China-The KMT has controlled Taiwan for 40 years; it is time for a change. We don't even have a name and we are not part of the United Nations."

"We are not Chinese, we are Taiwanese," said a bespectacled woman with a child on her back.

"Singaporeans are ethnic Chinese too, but 98 per cent of them say they are Singaporean, not Chinese," said Professor Margaret Tsu, who teaches English at the National University. "If they come here. I will fight."

The slogan across the front of a blue van put it more directly: "P"k China".

Ru Chu-ming, a roundfaced businessman, said: "For 50 years they have been threatening to come and they have not come. If they say that for 50 more years and then do nothing. I do not believe they will invade. We don't want to live with 1.2 billion people. We will be poor. If we join them. we will lose all our property."

Diplomats pointed out that Chinese detained by A mild-mannered surgeon in his sixties came through the the police now often disapcrowd which was listening to pear into a legal limbo for one of the weekly undermonths or even years. ground seminars, which is However, at a recent meetbeing broadcast on illegal ing between judiciary and radio. Taiwan is Taiwan, not police to discuss new legispart of China. There is no lation, senior officials indievidence or law to show it is cated that they would part of China. Lee wants to implement the new rules unify, but that would be death."

The President is becoming increasingly alarmed by such talk. Over the weekend he said he was afraid of "malicious. personal attacks ... [they] should be dealt with swiftly with counter-attacks". But he will not send in the tanks.



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Pressure on Europe to get tough with Tehran

Arafat denounces Iran Over suicide bombers

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

YASSIR ARAFAT. President of the Palestinian Authority, has for the first time openly singled out Iran as being behind the latest wave of Islamic suicide attacks in Israel and, in doing so, increased pressure for concerted inter-national action to be taken against the mullahs in

Mr Arafat's accusation came after claims by Israel and Britain at last week's antiterror summit in Sharm el-Sheikh that Iran is directly involved in supporting ex-tremist groups such as

He told Palestinian demonstrators protesting against the closure of Gaza and the West Bank enforced by Israel in an attempt to halt the suicide attacks: "I have the right to ask. Who ordered the latest violent attacks? Iran -Iran ordered them."

The Palestinian leader went on to claim that the recent attacks were instigated by

Iran and some Arab countries, and are designed to make the Palestinian people despair". It is understood he meant Libya and Syria.

In naming Iran in such a direct fashion. Mr Arafat has given valuable ammunition to the United States, which is working to persuade European Union members, notably France Cermany and Italy to France, Germany and Italy, to unite to isolate Iran as a pariah state rather than to continue a dialogue with it.

Western security experts maintained that Mr Arafat has also been goaded into speaking out by information that Iran is openly encouraging its terrorist surrogates to plot his own assassination. Personal security around Mr Arafat's Gaza headquarters has been strengthened further

in recent days.
Israeli officials yesterday
welcomed Mr Arafat's newfound willingness to point the finger directly at Iran, which is also backing attacks on

Israel from Lebanon by its Beirut-based client group, Hezbollah (The Party of God). The Israelis hope that Mr Arafat's comments will influ-

ence the attitude of the EU. which still supports the idea of bringing about change in Teh-ran by conducting a "critical dialogue'

"[French President Jacques] Chirac opposes the US-style isolation of Iran because "it only benefits the most extremist elements'. Constructive engagement also benefits French industry, of course," the Jerusalem Post argued in a tough editorial yesterday. "Chirac quoted an Arab

proverb to justify his adherence to this discredited policy: 'Never push a cat to the corner of the room, it's dangerous.' Presumably allowing a hyena like Iran's 'intelligence services' to roam freely and be constructively encaged in the constructively engaged in the world is tolerable," the editorial continued.

Iran is also believed to be

behind the training of suicide bombers aged 15 to 16 in bombers aged 15 to 16 in Lebanon by a group calling itself "The Black Thirteenth of September" — the day the Israel-PLO peace treaty was signed — according to Der Spiegel, the German weekly. The suicide bomber who carried out the attack in Tel carried out the attack in Tel Aviv two-and-a-half weeks ago was identified yesterday as Ramez Obeid, 23, an art

student from a Gaza refugee "His friends from Islamic Jihad brainwashed him, this does not suit Ramez at all," one member of his family said. ☐ Gaza: The Palestinian Authority has renamed the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, an

official said yesterday.

From now on we will start saying the District of Gaza instead of the Gaza Strip and the Northern Counties of Palestine instead of the West Bank," Talal Aukal, of the Palestinian Ministry of Information, said. (Reuter)



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Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, during yesterday's protest against the sealing off of the West Bank and Gaza by Israel

Voter apathy and violence overshadow African polls

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

VOTER apathy continued to dog Zimbabwe's one-man presidential elections on the second and final day of polling yesterday, even spreading to the rural strongholds of the sole candidate, President Mugabe.

By lunch-time, only 25 per cent of the 4.9 million registered voters had voted, officials said. Three candidates are listed, but the retired Bishop Abel Muzorewa and the veteran nationalist Ndabaningi Sithole withdrew last week, saying the poll was unfair.

veteran nationalist Ndabaningi Sithole with-drew last week, saying the poll was unfair. Voting elsewhere on the continent was marred by violence or subject to delays. In Nigeria, up to four people were killed during municipal polls in the northern state of Kaduna when underage youths tried to vote, according to press reports

according to press reports.

The declaration of a President after elections to end army rule in Sierra Leone has been delayed by the late arrival of results from the interior officials and appropriate the interior of the in from the interior, officials said yesterday. Much of the country has been cut off by a five-year civil war.

year civil war.

Sudanese were given the day off to vote yesterday, the last in 12 days of voting in the first election since the 1989 military coup. Results for the presidency and 275 parliamentary seats will be announced on Wednesday.

In Benin, the former Marxist ruler, General Mathies, Verekou, make a symplect. Mathieu Kerekou, may make a comeback against President Soglo, the World Bank economist who supplanted him, in the second round of voting today.

Electronic age is put on hold by Delhi bureaucrats

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

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India, yes? 🤊

THERE are two principal ways of acquiring a telephone in India: pay through the nose or wait about a decade. It is a feat of endurance either way. The Delhi bureau of The

Times has acquired a second line, made possible by a special allocation for journalists. Additional lines are desirable because dialling tones are so fickle. A cluster of wires hangs from a telegraph pole in the street outside the office, a miracle of bodge-up technol-ogy that unravels in the wind and sometimes falls off.

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Rain and rats are enemies of telephones. The monsoon seeps into cables and crevices and rats chew through wires. The junction box in the marketplace, serving several hundred subscribers, is fron and should resist water and rodents, but they get in anyway.

gave a triumphant first ring last week and died. This will be rectified today by the local lineman, who extracts more baksheesh than his salary from subscribers who know the futility

of lodging official complaints. He is suspected of making phones go dead so he can fix them.

The business of acquiring a second line began at the offices of the state-owned Mahanager Telephone Nigam Ltd. where I queued for two hours for an application form. The babu (clerk) said to go away and fill it in: I returned the next day. Babus are the bane of people's lives. You are needing affidavit." he said, and threw back the form, with a scrap of paper explaining the procedure.
It said that the affidavit

must be written on nonjudicial stamp paper, signed by the "deponent" and attested by a magistrate (first class), oath commissioner or notary public. To the notary. Behind Parliament Street there is a

iron sheeting keeps the sun off this legal fraternity. I chose the man who bellowed loudest for business.

Twenty-five rupees later I possessed the legal affirmation that I am who I say I am. that I live where I say I do and that I have no other telephone anywhere in India under any

special category allocation.

Back to Mahanager Telephone Nigam Ltd, this time to a grey-bearded Sikh who booms orders to his underlings like a regimental sergeant major. He found a fault in the affidavit, which stated that I was seeking a Non-OYT General Category telephone. It should have said Non-OYT Special Category. We turned Special Category. He turned me away and 200 people with application forms shuffled forward an inch.

Back to another notary who rched wing collar,

from whom I acquired a corrected affidavit. The day the announcing for no apparent reason that he was two years from retirement, accepted the doc-ument. "It is frustrating busi-ness all this, isn't

it?" he said. To prove it he presented another form and awaited its completion.

"Now you are needing magistrate to counter-sign. Come back with form tomorrow. You are liking India, yes?" He suddenly took pity and summoned tea. It transpired that he could counter-sign the form himself if he had a mind to which, he eventually decided, he did. He promised the line would be released in only

eight weeks. Such promises should not be taken seriously. The local lineman, for an inducement, agreed to approach a certain babu to speed things along, and several days later a man arrived, demanding backsheesh. We settled on £10 and he hooked me up. The clerk at the phone office who processed my forms sent his compliments with an envelope, which I filled. I hope to get away with a fiver today when the lineman returns.

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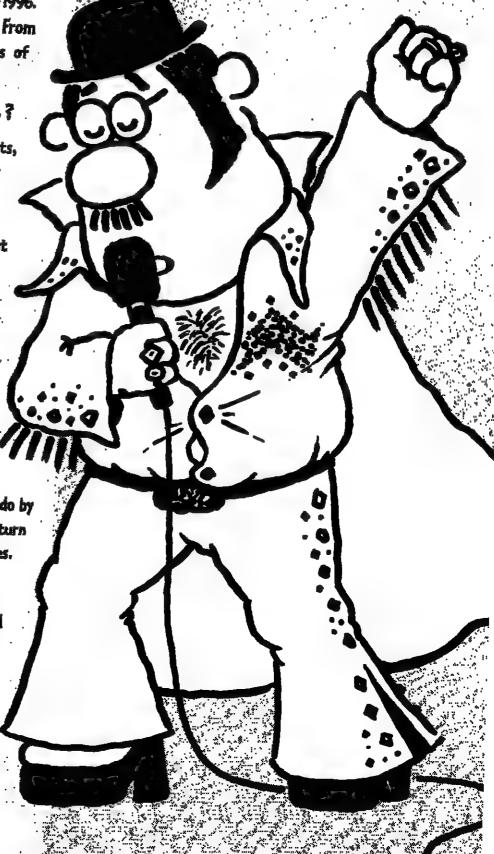
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Wonderland revisited: English National Ballet bring Derek Deane's Alice to the Coliseum **OPENS: Tomorrow** REVIEW: Thursday



ONE of the major attractions of the Polish National Radio

Symphony Orchestra's tour of

Britain has been the prospect

of hearing - in six of the 15 places on the itinerary -

Górecka play Górecki. It turns out. however, that no work

could be less susceptible to the

sympathetic touch of the com-

poser's daughter than Henryk

Górecki's Concerto for Piano

and Strings. Consisting of two

short movements of rhythmi-

cally driven repetitions, it

needs no more than to be wound up, switched on and switched off.

The Gorecki cause was not

much helped either by Anna Górecka going on from there to play Prokofiev's Piano Con-

certo No I in D flat, which is a

devastating demonstration from a 21-year-old student

composer of what variety.

what passion and what cre-

ative energy can be contained

within a short concerto con-

struction. After that, the Cho-

pin mazurka she chose to play as an encore in the Royal Hall.

Nomingham, was the coup de

grace, the final demonstration

that one lyrically inspired or even merely thoughtful bar of

music is worth any amount of

metrical calculation. This was

presumably not the point the

pianist wished to make. In any

other circumstances her sensi-

tivity in Chopin, the breadth of

her imagination and the quali-ty of her relationship with the

conductor and orchestra in the

Prokofiev would have been

nothing but positive.
In the Scandinavian items

at the beginning and the end

of the programme the orches-

tra displayed no less authority

than in the Polish and Russian

IT FEELS like a long time since Barbara Hendricks last

POP 🌉

Richard O'Brien offers a 'rock tour from hell in Disgracefully Yours at the Comedy Theatre OPENS: Wednesday REVIEW: Friday

Polish NRSO/Wit

Royal Hall,

Nottingham

works in the middle. Antoni

Wit. its musical director and

principal conductor for the

past 13 years, has developed a

flexible ensemble which he

controls efficiently enough

without suppressing individ-

uality. No other orchestra has

a pair of bassoons quite like

those which rasped so charac-

teristically in the Hall of the

Mountain King in Grieg's

Peer Gynt and which were yet

so eloquent in Sibelius's Sec-

ond Symphony.
The oboes, too, have a sound of their own. The strings do

not play so precisely together that they could clarify the detail at the beginning of the third movement of the Sibe-

lius, but they are still so cohesive that they retain their

place in the texture no matter what the opposition. And in a

Sibelius interpretation as dra-matic as Antoni Wit's, with no

inhibitions imposed on hrass

or percussion, the opposition

The one miscalculation in

the presentation of Sibelius's

Second Symphony was in the

transition from the third

movement to the last, where

the motivation was unclear

and the impetus laboured.

Sturdily based on its brass

chorales and searchingly ex-

pressive in the slow move-

ment, however, it is an interpretation of considerable

Barbara Hendricks

GERALD LARNER

is certainly powerful.

POP

Two new Nigel Williams plays have little - and a lot - in common. Alan Franks reports

Giant victory party

of the Saw Doctors culminated last month with their Same Oul' Town album gatecrashing the Top Ten. It was an extraordinary triumph for folk-rock underdogs who passed through the hands of a major label and have doubled their money since resuming their Irish independence. The last of four Friday

engagements at the Empire during a month-long British tour was always likely to be a giant party, especially falling just before St Patrick's Day. But it would not occur to the group from Tuam in the west of Ireland to thumb their

> **Saw Doctors** Empire, W12

noses at the industry cynics. Their last stand at the Empire was a riotous twohour ceilidh with enough lyrical references to their home town to make the Tuam Tourist Board proud. They led off with World Of Good, a typically rousing piece that gave them a Top 20 single recently, lead singer Davy Carton's strong, sure vocals setting the tone for a bighearted evening.

Some songs that remain in the Doctors' bag predate their 1991 album debut with If This Is Rock And Roll. I Want My Old Job Back. One such. Red Cortina, was written in 1988 by Carton and fellow singer and guitarist Leo Moran, who can now depend on a fourfigure chorus of fellow voices as he sings its catchphrase, first love stays with you forever". Their instrumentation allows for whistles and violins to play a part, but the band works broadly in the rock milieu, with bassist Pearse Doherty and drummer John Donnelly providing a

The band moved rirelessly towards two encores of 11 with their own early anthem? Useta Lover. If they could battle the sort of bonhomie that can make an entire concert hall feel better, the Saw Doctors would have the medicine show to end them all.

PAUL SEXTON

Why buy it? Why buy it? Why buy it? Why buy it?

Defender of the faithful

the two new plays by Nigel Williams, London next week, are by two different writers. At Greenwich we find The Last Romantics, an elegant debate on life and literature in the Cambridge of Frank and Queenie Leavis; at the Royal Court Harry and Me, an unseemly row about risk and ratings in the world of the celebrity chat

Anyone who knows Williams's work will also know that first appearances are an unreliable index of disparity. Almost 20 years ago his first novel, My Life Closed Twice. and his first commercially successful play, Class Enemy. invited precisely these noncomparisons, the one being an elegant debate on life and literature in the young graduates' London of the 1970s, the other an unseemly row in a sink school of the period.

Then, as now, there were clear links in the spectacle of individuals in revolt against the expectation of others, one operating in the politics of love, the other in the art of survival. And here are, on the one hand. Leavis clinging to critical values which are under the same attack as were the Edwardian certainties of Ar-thur Quiller-Couch 40 years before: and, on the other, a TV team wading grimly through rumours of its programme's demise.

The one is poised and articulate and trades in language with a capital L as in Leavisite: the other is rabid and unbalanced, a three-way phone farce, and trades in language with a small f. as in foul. Yet each is at heart a passionate roar by an influential man threatened with a reduction from lion to loser by the passing of years and taste. Even as it happens, each leaves with touching loyalty to people and ideas whose time

Beleaguered as he is, Leavis ively as he has enabled his students to do. More than 40 years after the publication in critical book, New Bearings in English Poetry. he reflected that "we didn't need Nietzsche to tell us to live dangerously; there is no other way of living". In The Last Romantics we find him enmeshed in the truth of this observation, as much an Establishment target



lish Literature, had been in the

"What fascinates me about 'Q'." Williams says, "is that he represents so well the figure of the gifted amateur. Some old pal offers him a job, and suddenly there he is in academe. I believe that his spirit is still alive, but that it has gone into Grub Street, while teaching has become a far more embattled profession."

the new makes for a kind of atavism in much of Williams's writing. It is there in his most ambitious, if not best-known novel, Witchcraft, and in the elegiac Country Dancing, a play about the work of the folksong collector Cecil Sharp. It even surfaces in his successful suburban comedies such as The Wimbledon Poisoner and They Came From SW19. It is certainly there in sufficient

Quiller-Couch. Cam- The theme of people holding quantity to make one ask e's first Professor of Eng- the line against the worst of whether he ever feels similarly whether he ever feels similarly engulfed himself.

The other day I was asking myself why I write as I do." he says. "I think the answer is that I am probably trying to get control over the things that really can't control at all. As Leavis says, it is not the words, it is the beyond-the-words. The reason that I so admire Mamet, Pinter and Beckett is that they write about people in extremis, whose language is

My hero (in Harry and Me) is not actually the host but the guy who does all the arranging and fixing. That's his job, to manage other people talking. He runs a chat show, all right a terrible one. and uses language to protect himself against the world. He is defending his turl." In so doing, he is also being vastly more diverting than the show itself. Rather as in Noises Off. it is the ghastly innards of the entertainment that prove to be the entertainment. "He is saying: 'All right, you

evolved from crisis and from their attempt to deal with that.

can think what you like about this, but I am not about to apologise for it.' I have been in TV myself, and am very

6 I don't seem to see very much hope in the world **9**

familiar with people saying: Oh. it's just television.' But it's a perfectly respectable way of earning your living. I mean, it's not drug-dealing, is it? And this is a comedy about it. A bit bleak and grim, I accept, but, apart from a tiny sliver under the door. I don't seem to see very much hope in the world."
"Been in TV myself" is

economic with the truth when it comes from the editor of Omnibus. The question of how he conducts his parallel careers quite so productively is intriguing. One of the answers is that the nature of parallel lines is not to become mutually entangled. He says it is a matter of concentrating abso-lutely on what he is doing at a given time: "That, and eliminating peripheral stuff. Meetings about meetings about meetings. The pursuit of personal relations that aren't going anywhere.

When he became editor of Omnibus, the congratulations were tempered by the hope that it would not get in the way of his work. It does not seem to

Harry and Me opens at the Royal Court Theatre, Stoans Square, London SWI (0171-730) 1745) on March 27. The Last Romantics opens at the Greenwich Theatre. London SE10 (0181-858 7755) on March 28

Wigmore Hall gave a solo recital in London; and it was therefore difficult to saw Hendricks happier with both their greater rhythmic flexibility and their closer

Unsettled siren

get to the root of the problems presented by her Thursday concert. Was she secretly indisposed? Are opera and international diplomacy depleting expressive definition. But the her energies? For there were brisk speeds at which Scheia's problems aplenty, and it was fingers and Hendricks's soan uncomfortable evening. orano skimmed through the By the time she had reached songs of longing and strange. her first encore. Fauré's Après visionary yearning were sadly un Rève, the integrated regisreductive

ters, focused tone and long Each half was, fortunately phrasing for which one had in this case, scarcely more than 35 minutes long. After the been waiting all evening were momentarily glimpsed. Per-baps it had all been a bad interval came six of Wolf's settings of the Swabian poet Eduard Mörike, clumsily acdream and the evening was companied and sung as if only just beginning. But no: the real start was, alas, inlearnt by rote. Hendricks is eradicable. Schubert's Mialways more at ease in the gnon songs revealed a voice French repertoire, and her Poulenc Fiancailles pour rire deeply ill at ease with itself: made lighter work of their bumpy vibrato, uneven timbres through its changing registers and a verbal quirky melancholy and gentle inflection. This was followed metricality only exacerbated by Schoenberg's Cabaret by Staffan Scheja's jog-trot Songs whose changing "roles" at least provided Hendricks Hugo Wolf's later settings of with some sort of final focus.

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CLASSICAL CHOICE

A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

by Chris de Souza

Las an overture to a choral work on the seasons, and only on revising it as the third of his 13 symphonic poems did he add the quotations from Lamennais whereby each section became descriptive of the various stages in life, which can be regarded as a prelude to the unknown song which begins with death.

Performances on CD span 73 years. Two of the earliest -Mengelberg with the New York Philharmonic (1922) and the most characterful (most modern performances seem straight-laced by comparison). For Mengelberg and Oskar Fried (see Koch's reissue of a 1925 recording with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra), Liszt's orchestral works were central to the development of

Too many conductors try to make Liszt sound like Mendelssohn or Schumann, and Les Préludes has suffered from its associations with German wartime broadcasts. The style can be heard on a Preiser CD of Knappertsbusch and the Berlin Philharmonic in 1942. Postwar opinion had it that Les Préludes was mawkishly sentimental, and brazenly tubthumping, but it's only like that if you play it like that.

By contrast, postwar recordings by Karajan (DG) and Haitink (a reissue of his ground-breaking complete set on Philips) tend towards the



count with the Czech Philharmonic (on Supraphone) underlines Liszt's connection with the East European schools, but in spite of some luminous playing, sounds staid.

M ore recent recordings -by the Suisse Romand with Neeme Jārvi (Chandos, 1994), Polish National Radio SO/Halasz (Naxos, 1991); Budapest Festival Orchestra/Fischer (Harmonia Mundi, 1991) -- all have more freedom and excitement but less satisfactory recorded sound.

American orchestras fare well, although Muti's account with the Philadelphia is curiously Germanic and is offered on an ungenerous 45-minute CD on EMI. But Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonie (Sony Classical SMK 47572, £9.95) combine Mengelberg's loving attention to detail with bravura technique and a fine recorded sound - although Bernstein does take an occasional liberty with Liszt's scoring when he finds it wanting. The string scales at the beginning of the final section are brought off

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brilliantly,

Ashes to ashes, lust to dust

t is remarkable what you miss if you leave at the interval. If, instead of being in Deptford on duty, I had gone to see Philip Osment's new play out of casual interest, I do not think I would have stayed to see his characters find consolation on an island off the coast of

Watching them being disconsolate somewhere London was a largely dull experience, and a normally reliable rule in the theatre is that things get worse not

Still, rules are there to jolt us with their fallibility. Gay twenty-first anniversary producstill a disappointment after Osment's recent work, especially for its

lazy habit of allowing characters to answer questions about their past as soon as asked, but the second half does have its theatrically arresting mo-

ments. But not many.
The trouble is Michael. Osment's leading character, a touchy and hoity-toity teacher, emotionally dishonest with most of his intimates, terrified and ludicrously ill-informed, about the risks of becoming HIV positive. He cannot bring himself to remain long in the company of an old lover, dying in hospital from an Aidsrelated illness, though he does manage to start an affair with one of Henry's nurses.

He has also been living for years with earnest Sheila. unbelievably described as a press photographer, though Osment soon forgets this ridiculous fiction. They deserve

playing.

the same haunting Goethe poems from Wilhelm Meister

each other. Stephenson) and Henry's queeny other lover (Derek Howard) make better company, though nothing is subtle or even novel about their characters.

The four of them are eventually on their way to the edge of a Kerry cliff, where they will scatter Henry's ashes, and this is the punning meaning of the

Michael's folly immobilises them on a track leading to a peat bog that just happens to be amazingly near the family THEATRE

farm he escaped

before. When his

brother Patrick

enters the action

The Undertaking Deptford Albany

time at last. Not immediately, of course, though it only takes a couple of reminiscences for Michael to confess his terror, weep in his brother's arms and begin to feel

This is quite unbelievable. and though the quasi-pagan ceremony of the ashes conveys a mysterious charm the play never finds a truthful way to reveal emotional contours.

Osment writes a clever scene when all the characters but Patrick (Gary Lilburn) are high on Ecstasy; even Liam Halligan's po-faced Michael is better company here, mooching goofily around, entranced by the movement of a beetle. But the play is a lumpy mix of good intentions and poor prac-tice. James Neale-Kennerley's direction does it no favours.

JEREMY KINGSTON



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Singing its praises

OPERA Die Zweite Mrs Kong Heidelberg/Vienna

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ome while ago The Second Mrs Kong was dropped from the invitation list for the South Bank's forthcoming Birtwistle spree, for lack of funds. Undaunted and unflagging, though, she has recently been putting in appearances as Die Zweite Mrs Kong at theatres in Heidelberg and Vienna, in productions which - partly through their differences from each other and from the Glyndebourne original of 1994 prove the vitality, charm and variety of the composer's fifth and most recent opera.

It is also heartening to find his music at last commanding such attention, which ought to continue, for something else these productions prove about Mrs Kong is that the piece can be done with limited resources, by regional and surely even by student companies.

Heidelberg reveals its shoestring budget in tacky sets, but these are in the cheerful spirit of the occasion. In a small theatre and with a reduced orchestra sunk beneath the stage, the emphasis is on the singers and on Russell Hoban's libretto, which is likeably unfettered in its spatchcocking of world mythology, popular cinema, great art and social realism. The action, directed by Ralph Bridle, is more frankly presented than it was at Glyndebourne. We have a Paganini on stage to make sense of the phantasmagoric violin solos, and the vaporous love affair between a painted image (Pear, the Vermeer girl) and a celluloid idea (King Kong) develops touchingly.

LOVE and death have always been the leitmotifs of opera. Many plots turn on them, but these themes are the plot in . Have Seen Someone, a recent chamber opera by the Icelandic composer Karolina Eiriksdottir which received its first British performance as part of the new Nordic Music Season.

Much of the success is due

Based on a collection of poems of the same name by the Swedish writer Marie Louise Ramnefalk, Eiriks-domr's "musical dream-play" is a meditation on the way in which love is transfigured by impending death. It is set for four voices — dominated by a soprano She and baritone He — and takes the form of a prologue of happy recollection and three scenes where



Robert Schwarts makes a "muscular and engagingly puppyish Kong" in Heidelberg's staging of Birtwistle's opera

to the cast. As Pearl, Brigitte Geller is unaffected, sweet and accurate right up to the top of this high-flying part; when her image is projected on to a cross-lit screen, she also looks strikingly like the Vermeer portrait. Robert Schwarts, although he has problems with the upper edge of Birtwistle's tenor writing, is muscular and

engagingly puppyish as Kong. It is a pity that Orpheus has to be sung by a mezzo rather than the intended countertenor: in Vienna the excellent Angelos Fotiadis reminds us how much the role needs that plangent falsetto tone. Still, this is a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The first-night audience laughed a lot and went out happy.

At the Vienna performance I

grief is confronted,

accepted and trans-

formed into a new

At least, that is what this opera is

supposed to be about. Little came

across in Thursday's performance, under the auspices of the contempo-

rary music group Lontano. Either Frank Gabriel Perry's translation is

hard to sing or the cast was lazy: most

of the text went missing, and it was

impossible to make any poetic sense of

Ramnefalk's lines. Clare West's pro-

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attended, nobody so much as grinned. That this was an altogether darker account was due partly to the fact that the orchestral music was now heard at full strength - and superbly played by the Gyor Philharmonic under Andreas Mitisek - and partly to the high-tech Grand Guignol production, by Peter Pawlik There was a lot of scowling and cruelty. Anubis was not the entertainingly portentous music-hall MC of Heidelberg but a raddled decadent of bizarre habits, and Kong not a playful furry animal but a near-nude, tense and athletic golem (Doug Jones), clamber-

Comedy was wilfully avoided, as in the presentation of the

ing around a gloomily lit steel-

Cold in a love climate

I Have Seen Someone

Riverside Studios, W6

Sphinx as a severe woman in uniform, and magic too. But the real magic of the piece lies in what we hear from the orchestra - the fine, brave solos, the clatterings of tuned percussion, the ruminative regrouping for melodies, the moments of attack when the music suddenly swivels all its attention to what is happening on stage - and everything here was magnificently done.

Taken together, the two productions confirm how many great operatic moments this piece contains in everything to do with the mirror that sings as a pair of coloratura sopranos; in the Sphinx scene; in the endings of both acts as duets which drift off elsewhere in the singleter appearance of the Death of

duction consisted of

tiresome, clichéd

gestures and group-

ings. In return for a

credit as designer. Nigel Adey provided a large rectangular box and some

drapes; Paul Taylor's lighting contrib-

Eiriksdottir's scoring is for conven-

tional chamber orchestra, coloured by

tom-toms, temple blocks and bongo

drums. Lines are spare — of a

bleakness, though, that is not necessar-

ily Nordic. It is a pity that this music

uted much more to the atmosphere.

Kong; in the rescoring of a sequence from the film; in the first-act duet for Pearl and Kong; and in the realisation of Inanna, who in the text is just an ageing sex kitten, but who becomes through the music a character of steadily increas-ing depth and closer presence.

Hitherto, Birtwistle's operas have been predominantly male, and Mrs Kong is still centred on its masculine hero. But in the number, importance and richness of the female roles we may be witnessing a turn towards Birtwistle's future operas, of which the first, according to hints in the Vienna programme, is to be a journey into outer space.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

lacks a more strikingly individual voice, but one could admire its intensity and economy of utterance, and an atonal musical language that hints at tonality.

The vocal performances were uninteresting, in the central soprano role Sarah Leonard was guilty of plummy diction. The barrione Mark Oldfield was better, but only the mezzo Rebecca de Pont Davies got her words across well. As the other "helper", Niall Morris was strained by the high tenor writing. The conductor Odaline de la Martinez drew deft playing, but the performance fell flat.

JOHN ALLISON

LONDON

WOODT ALLEST The woman entertainer shows off his truly excellent skills as a jazz clarmetost, honed by Skills as a jazz clamethst, höned by years of Monday night sessions at Michael's Pub in New York, Allen's band for a bidle European bur is the status one that in 1983 reliaised. The Burk Project, a tribute to the old school New Orleans trumpeter, Burik Johnson, Festival Half, South Bank, SEI (0771-960 4242) Tonight, 8 30pm (5)

THE MISLANTHROPE LESS WAS O performances for this much heralded posted version of Molière Perhaps too updated for the play's real good but woorously sound, with Ken Sara and Disabath McGovern. Young Vis. The Cut, SE1 (0171-828 6363) Tonight-Sat, 7-30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2-30pm, [5]

THE SOLDIETTS WONG MESTATION, A The SOLDTETTS BONG Macmathia, it is opening inght for Bettast-born Bryan James Ryder's first play, accidentally apposite, telling of a tensity ignorant of the fact that their son is an IFA man with a mission. John Dove directs a cast led by Colin Tarrant.

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Richard O'Brien plays the satisfic host at Ctub interno, giving his rock tour of Hell assisted by the Fabulous Frooketies and a band of Black Angels. Said to be with and somited Comedy, Panion Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731) Previews tonight and tomorrow, Spm; opens Mar 20, 7pm.

AN IDEAL HUSBAND: Trumphent L/ An IDEAL HUSSAMD: Triumphent return for Pater Half's production of Wilde's drawns of postoal aleace and scandal. The star cast institutes Mentile Shaw, Anna Carloret, Penne Downle. Theathe Royal, Haymariet, SWI (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.46pm; mate Wad and Sat, 3pm. ©

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TODAY'S CHOICE

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ELSEWHERE GUILDFORD: Austen-ments goes on, including the Good Company's four of Pride and Prajudice Frances Cute plays Mrs. Bennet, Jonathan Coci plays her long-suffering husband, and Comella Heyes O'Heriffly and Mark Healy play Bizzabeth and Darcy; Sue Pomercy directs.

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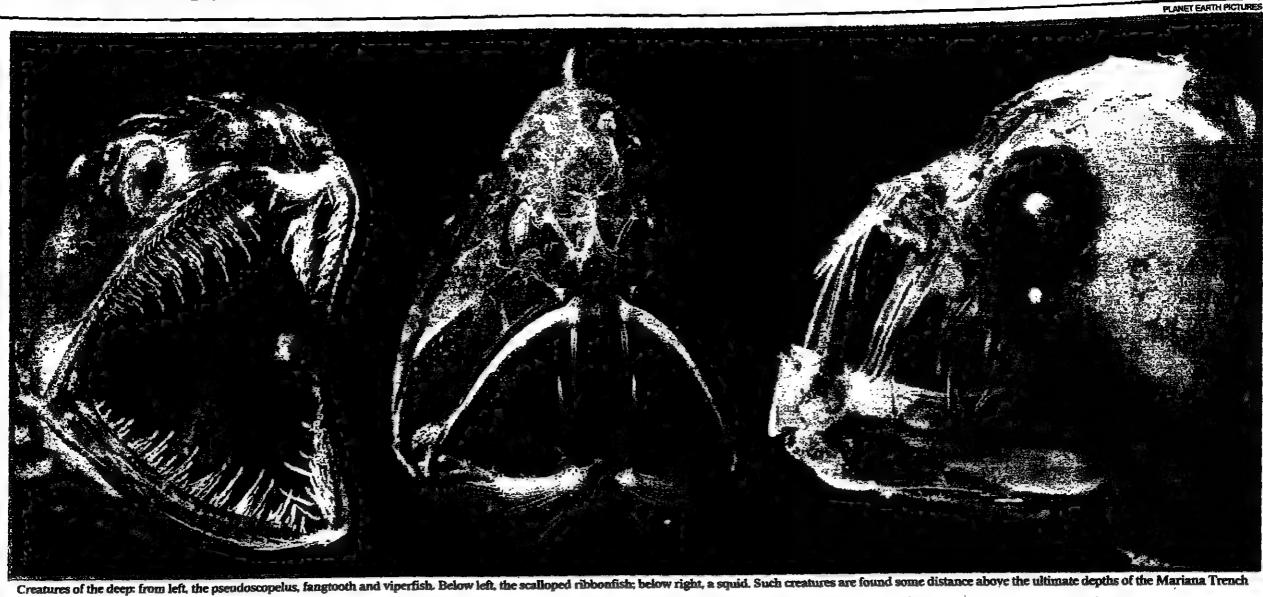
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These "dark unfathom'd caves", as the poet Thomas Gray was moved to describe them, are regarded as the last great unnown. Considering

that humans have smashed the atom, climbed Mount Everest and landed on the Moon, our ignorance about the oceans is a breathtaking gap in science.

By an accident of timing, a collection of expeditions this year promises to end some of our ignorance. A fortnight ago, Japanese researchers

broke their own world record by sending an unmanned submersible to almost II kilometres beneath the Pacific and sending back video footage of life in the depths of the Mariana Trench, the deepest point in the ocean. This summer. European scientists, including a British contingent, will send a fleet of robots to scour the bottom of the

The record depth of 10,898 metres was set by researchers working on the Deep Star programme at the Japan Marine Science and Technology Centre in Kanagawa. To put that in perspecrive, Mount Everest is about 8,800 metres high. The three-metre-long submersible Kaiko (meaning "trench" in Japanese), suspended from a parent submersible, touched the bottom of the Mariana Trench off the coast of Japan.

Because sunlight cannot per trate beyond a depth of 1,000 metres below the surface, a halo-

en lamp onboard Kaiko was used to illuminate this dark world. Images were sent back via a cable containing optical fibres interwoven with metal, and filled with oil to counteract the huge pressures in the trench. The submersible itself is also filled

A brief but excited

fax from the mother ship described the scene captured on Kaiko's camera: The bed of the Mariana Trench was filled with a fine mud of reddish brownish particles. There were no rocks or cracks at all and it resembled a desert. However.

observed here and there." In another fax, the researchers attempted to characterise the mysterious creatures. They described types of sea urchin, lugworm. crustacean, and what looked like the excrement of sea organisms. The landing and manoeuvring of the submersible repeatedly disturbed the mud, affording occa-

very unusual organisms were

The floor of the ocean is the deepest, most mysterious place on our planet. Now scientists are starting to unlock its secrets, says Anjana Ahuja

sional but tantalising glimpses of strange organisms buried

Professor Koki Horikoshi, the head of Deep Star, was stunned when he saw the video footage for the first time on Friday. The ocean bed looked like a completely smooth, red-brown desert," he said, "It was incredible, because nobody has seen such a colour in the sea before. We are used to it looking grey or black, like the Moon. It was entirely different.

There was absolutely no current. This is quite remarkable because at a depth of 6,500 metres, the current is about 1.5 knots, which is pretty fast. We made three separate visits and each time there was nothing. The place looks like a morgue."

The third trip, made on March 4. revisited the exact spot which Kaiko had descended to five days earlier on its maiden voyage. Kaiko had scooped out a sample of mud to bring to the surface and, remarkably, the hole was still there, proving to the team that the bottom of the trench was, indeed, a motionless pit.

Professor Horikoshi was amazed at the life forms he saw: "There was a translucent, white jellyfish about five centimetres

saw a shrimp, but it was moving so fast we could only tell it was white and about three centimetres long. There was a kind of sea cucumber, which was the same size as the jellyfish, and looked like a gherkin.

e said he had expected any creatures to be smaller than a centimetre. This sparse community of creatures on the floor were also less bizarre-looking than the miniature monsters patrolling the mid-ocean layers.

The manipulator (a mechanical hand) used to collect mud samples does not move fast enough to catch moving creatures but this may be rectified for future visits. However, even if researchers can snare them, it is not easy to study higher organisms at the surface. Because they are adapted to the enormous pressures of deep ocean life caused by the sheer weight of the water above - they would explode if brought to the surface.

Even now, the researchers looking at much smaller micro-organisms in the mud samples have to culture them at 1,000 atmospheres (a thousand times atmospheric pressure). The pressure at the

long, moving fairly last. We also bottom of the trench is about 1,100 atmospheres.

Some micro-organisms are impossible to grow at all, and in these rare cases the organism's DNA profile will be recorded. The Deep Star researchers hope to complete this painstaking analysis within a month, and microbiologists at Kent University and the Science Museum in London are standing by to classify Kaiko's astonishing discoveries.

The work conducted in Japan is unique because it is looking at the deepest point on Earth. Oceanographic research due to begin this summer will look at more typical ocean floor depths of about six

The three-year Alipor project -Autonomous Lander Instrument Packages for Oceanographic Research - will send a fleet of ZU robots, called landers, to the floor of the northeast Atlantic in July. The robots, to be deployed from the Royal Research Ship Discovery, will conduct experiments, gather biological and chemical data, and track scavenging fishes in the deep sea. Such a large armada will allow much of the ocean floor to be covered very quickly.

Aberdeen University is a partici-

pant in this European Unionfunded project, which includes six other countries. "In order to look deeper than one kilometre we need new technology," explains Dr Monty Priede, head of the Deep Ocean Research Laboratory at Aberdeen University. "The landers can get down to six kilometres, which covers everything except the

Pacific." The project has involved biologists, chemists, engineers, physicists and geologists, which il-lustrates what a feat of co-ordination organising deep-sea research is.

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Dr Priede, a 200logist, wants to study the community of deep-sea fishes which live on the ocean floor. "There are several hundred species down

there, and because the oceans occupy nearly three quarters of the Earth's surface, these are among the most abundant species in the world," he says. Their eating habits are a mys-tery, but all their food must come

from the surface in the form of dead animals falling to the ocean floor. The Science of Life, co-authored in 1929 by J.S. Huxley and G.P. Wells, called this nourishment "a rain of death". The oceans are an important

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There are other reasons for looking at the ocean floor. "It is interesting to predict what would happen if we dump, say, oilrigs down there," says Dr Priede.

"Apart from the floor underneath the rig getting squashed. it do any pinow harm? We need to find out because the deep ocean could be-

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These and other issues in deepocean research will be touched on at various exhibitions around Brit ain, as part of National Science Week. A number of oil companies, including BP and Shell, are meeting in London tonight to discuss partnerships to explore the Atlantic for oil. On a lighter level, the Royal Navy Submarine Museum in Gosport, Hampshire, will look at the science of submarines, and the Southampton Institute will be taking visitors on virtual reality trips to the bottom of the ocean.

Another possibility, which

Mr Kocher says Netscape will

adopt, is to introduce another

stage, multiplying messages

by a random number before

encryption. That would defeat the timing technique, but there may be others, Schneier

says. "You can measure pow-er consumption or heat dissi-

pation in a chip — timing is just one way. The moral is that there's always something

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☐ How timing a computer unlocked its code ☐ Smog in the stellar wastes timing how long the computer took to respond. After a large able ones are those that re-

Breaking into the Internet

key codes used to protect data flowing on the Internet. He did it by the simple process of measuring how long computers took to dean undecipher-able jumble. At code messages using this type of encryption. The time it took gave him precious clues that the other end, the enabled him to break the code, and win a \$1.000 prize from the internet publisher supplier uses his private key to restore the message Netscape for doing so. to plain text.

Public key cryptography is a clever method for making messages sent over the internet, or other computer networks, secure from snoopers. The system depends on two keys: one public, and made known to anybody who wants it, and the other private, and known only to the recipient of the message.

EVERY code devised by man

can be broken, so they say.

But computer experts have

been shaken by the ease with

which Paul Kocher, a biology

graduate turned computer

security consultant, has bro

ken the much-vaunted "public

Let us suppose you want to send a private message, ordering goods from a supplier. You look up the supplier's public key and use it to turn

astronomers. The Milky Way.

it seems, is as smoggy as the

For years, the study of the

material in the empty reaches

of space has suggested that it

includes large amounts of

OUTER space

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chemical ingredients that make

city life unpleas-



BRIEFING Nigel Hawkes

Whiff of mothballs in space

two numbers to gether, but much more difficult to split up the product into all possible prime numhers. If the numbers used are large enough, then decoding

bons (PAH). On Earth, PAH

is produced by the process of

partial combustion, such as a

sooty flame or a diesel ex-

haust. But the confirmation

that there really is PAH in

outer space has come from the

analysis of material from

Today, at a Lunar and

The system depends on the use

of very large numbers, and

mathematical op-

erations that are

exsy to do but

hard to undo. For

example, it is

easy to multiply

possible primes is impossible in a iod of time, even using the most powerful comouters available. Mr Kocher got round this by

neasuring how long a computer took to decrypt messages - th electronic equivalent of guessing the combination of a lock by

watching some-body turn the dials and seeing how long each took. He took the public key for a supposedly secure system, and sent messages using it.

few hundred to a few thousand - the time measurements provide clues about what is happening as the message is decoded. He duly succeeded in cracking the code to the horror of those who had believed it unbreakable. is this a real threat to

Internet security? "Oh God, yes," Bruce Schneier, a cryptography expert, told Scientific American. "You can't belittle it. It's not only a theoretical attack - you can Even worse, the attack can

number of trials - typically a

be carried out step by step. It guesses the private key bit by bit, and mistakes can be spotted quickly. Then all the hacker has to do is go back. correct the error, and try again. In this way, even the most complex codes can eventually be cracked. Fortunately, it doesn't work

on all systems that use public key cryptography. The vulner-

Johnson Space Flight Centre in Houston, graduate students Simon Clemett, from Stanford University, and Scott Messenger, from Washington University in St Louis, will report that they have found PAH molecules in frag-ments of graphite from four wardrobe, we'll know why.

Measurements of the carbon isotopes in the PAH uppest that the material originated in interstellar space. The team believes that they may well be the oldest molecales ever studied - older than the solar system. Among the molecules they found was naphthalene, the stuff of mothballs. So when an astronaut complains that outer space smells like his granny's



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else out there."

My dream of a future for Henry

3.25pm on January 26, 1988. after a short and easy labour. He weighed nine pounds, his hair was a black thatch, and postnatal tests confirmed that he was perfect.

For his mother, Henrietta, the birth was the final endorsement of her new-found happiness. Her upbringing had been both aristocratic and deprived, her teenage years wild and unhappy. Henry's arrival, she believed, would banish the last ghosts of the

"Life was just incredible. I'd married a wonderful man. 1 was settled in a traditional marriage. Henry was conceived on our honeymoon in Bali, and when he was born, it was a day of true elation. Just one day."

By the time he was 24 hours old, she knew, instinctively, that the happy ending might never come to pass. On the

odd occasions that Henry awoke, his stare was vacant he would not feed, Yet still every routine test deemed him flawless.

He was just over three months old when a local doctor took out a raisin from a packet, waved it in front of Henry's blank eyes and told his mother: "I think he has brain damage."

She did not break down. Instead, in that moment, Henrietta Spink decided that she would fight for her son's future. Eight years have passed, and her quest - now, she believes, in its final stages would have driven

a less tough woman beyond endurance and sanity.

From the outset the doctors were, at best, perplexed by what was wrong with Henry and, at worst, indifferent. The solution, if it existed, would rely on Henrietta, ignorant both of medical science and of the further heartbreak which lay ahead. Of the three children she has conceived since Henry, only one, Freddie, has survived, and he, too, is terribly handicapped. .

times it one could plan for Henry. seemed that there was nothing left to sustain her, bar an endurance instilled long ago, "I'd had a tough upbringing, so I could cope with awful situations. There was a huge amount of wealth in my family, but it appeared a great deal more gilded than it was."

Her great uncle is the Duke of Sutherland. Her great aunt was the former lady-in-waiting to the Queen. Lady Alice Egerton, whose suicide has recently been raked over by the press. Henrietta was three

. enrietta Spink relives her lonely battle to unravel the mystery of her elder son's handicap Interview: Mary Riddell Photographs: Michael Powell

left the family.

My mother married a former priest. We were always moving house, there was no money. I went to nine schools and learnt nothing. I left home at 17, lived with a French legionnaire and didn't phone my family for seven years. I had no roots, no home. When I met Michael, it was love at

first sight."
Michael Spink, now a director of his family's fine art firm.

Spink and Son,

was the epitome of

the comfortable,

middle-class life-

style she had never

known. Engaged

after 11 days, they

dreamt of the

future they would

An elegant Lon-

don home. Logs on

the fire, hyacinths

on the hearth, op-

era on the CD play-

After we were first told he

might have brain damage, he

was referred back to hospital.

The senior registrar said there

was definitely a problem. He

was far too floppy, and they

told us to go away and bring

him back when he was one

"They assumed there was

massive brain damage, and,

though we never admitted it,

we did too. He couldn't swal-

low, so it took me three hours

even to give him a bottle. But

somehow, even then, I be-lieved he would be all right. I

could imagine him running.

build.

year old.

when her father, David Bab-ington, a financial consultant, reading books, going to univ-ersity. I felt he would get there

only I had no answers." By the time Henry was one, she was pregnant again. That child died in her womb at four months, and the only positive sign in a terrible year was a CAT scan which showed, to the doctors' incredulity, that Henry's brain was normal.

But still no one could explain why Henry was so disabled. At two years old, he remained as inert as in infancy. Meanwhile Henrietta, to

her shortlived joy,

was once again

The first scan

showed up an ex-

ternal tumour, and

they said that if the

baby was born, it

would not survive

want his child', but

I knew that I must

have an abortion.

It took a lot out of

then her battlefield had

widened. When conventional

medicine provided no an-

swers, Henrietta turned else-

and, later on, biochemists,

allergists, even mediums - all

of these would be harnessed to

her quest, in the fragile hope

that alternative treatments

A further scan when Henry

was three produced no fresh

insight, and, amid the uncer-

tainty, there was only one

positive note. Geneticists as-

sured the Spinks that there

was no reason why Henricita

might provide some clue.

fighting for Henry."

pregnant

'I wished I

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out and it

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be over'

er . . Just'as it is today. But no me, and all the time I was

And so she became pregnant once more. This time, no risks would be taken. "I was scanned 20 times, and all they said was that the baby looked thin. Freddie was born by Caesarean. He. was very small, and I can still remember his angry little face, blue and staring at me, and the hiccoping sounds he made when he tried to breathe."

should not have a healthy child in the future.

Within 15 minutes, he was on a life-support system, and although his parents did not yet know that half his dia-phragm was missing and that he had terrible internal damage, the omens were clear.

repare for him to die. the Spinks were told, as they sat alone for four hours, trying to comprehend this latest disaster. Those hours were the closest I felt to hell. Michael

was too shocked to believe what was hitting him. But even then, we told other we would cope.
Freddie spent

the first two and ahalf years almost dying. It was a ightmare. He was sick up to 40 times a day, and he had constant high temperatures and injections. Watching a child I thought was going to die was far worse than having handicapped

child and trying to find a cure. Sometimes I just wished I could pull all those tubes out and it would be over." Henry is eight now and Freddie

Henrietta and Michael Spink with their children, Freddie and Henry four. Although Henrietta still works for a few hours a day as an Islamic art restorer, her life would, by normal standards, be intolerable. Neither child can walk unaided, and while Henry is always tractable. Freddie's problems have made him so difficult to cope with that even a family trip to Sainsbury's is

the operating the-atre. I thought 'I an ordeal. Deemed by the authorities to be affluent enough to cope, the Spinks have had little help from social services. Exhausted from lack of sleep, starved of any time together, impoverished by the huge costs of caring for their sons, they continued to hope, as Freddie improved, that some miracle where. Osteopathy, healing would decree a future for Henry.

It was against that bleak background that the breakthrough happened. Convinced that the answer lay in biochemistry. Henrietta commissioned new tests.

The results showed severe cellular magnesium deficiencies and identified, she believes, the root of his problems. But still a piece of the jigsaw remained missing, until recent

THOUSANDS of ardent cricket-lovers in this country will find themselves orphaned today. The World Cup has ended, the Sri Lankans have

won, deservedly. And the days return, dragging their feet like reluctant schoolboys, to the

Cricket Man is today forlorn, resigned now to a period of insipid, murky cricketless-

ness. Not till June, when the Test matches against India begin, will he be blithe again.

County cricket starts earlier,

but this is as exciting as watching the Michael Ather-

ton stubble grow.)
Cricket Man, these last five

weeks, has been remarkably

easy to recognise. He is

blearier-eyed than anyone else

on the morning Tube. He is

restless; his dazed gaze fixed

on the sports page of his own

paper, he raises his eyes only

sometimes to steal a glance at

the girl beside him. Scores,

match reports, punditry - he

cannot get enough. At work,

he rushes to newspapers he

would not otherwise touch, in

a breathless, cricket-induced

promiscuity. Readers of The

Guardian can be seen clutch-

ing The Times ("I wonder

what delights Simon Wilde

has dug up for today?"); Telegraph readers grope for

The Independent (Good

man, Derek Pringle, I knew

he'd say that Illingworth

In the office, Cricket Man is

should be sacked!")

way they used to be.



analysis in America finally linked Henry's enzyme defect to traces of mercury poisoning

The cause could, she thinks now, be due to something as simple as an abnormal sensitivity to fillings in her teeth. It is possible, too, that mercury may suggest a link between the different handicaps her children have suffered.

All Henrietta knows for sure

Tunku Varadarajan can finally get a good night's sleep

is that on the day that Henry had his first injection of mag-nesium, the constant fits he suffered stopped for good. He is at last taking his first steps, starting to communicate and feed himself.

And she can believe, as she watches him flourish, that her campaign has not been in vain. But she will never forget the lonely years when she had to drive on against the inertia

of a system seemingly indifferent to Henry's needs and her

This month she is setting up the Henry Spink Foundation, a charitable trust dedicated eventually to providing all that she lacked; a vast centre full of treatment rooms, where the parents of handicapped children, lonely and dispirited and bored and frightened as she was, can meet and talk.

"If you hope, you are seen as of normal children is allowed to dream for them. Parents of handicapped children are

But now, every time she gazes into her son's face, she sees the realisation of all she dared to long for. The proof. delivered in a slowly dawning smile, that Henry was not born in vain.

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Awol (always whooping and occasionally livid): coffee breaks are frequent. Chats on the phone — to other Cricket Men and, sometimes, Ladbrokes - are frequent too. He gets up often to stretch his legs, which seems always to take him in the direction of the nearest TV set. "Ooohh!" he gasps, to the annoyance of a busy colleague blest with a

The state of the s



Illingworth: calls to quit?

desk close to the action in spite of her lack of interest.

Returning to his desk, he busies himself to perform the job for which he is being paid, but the steel in his resolve rusts all too quickly. The phone rings. "Atherton's gone," a furtive voice whispers. Oh, woe, oh obscene void. Gloom descends, a cigarette is lit, the legs must be stretched again. But frankly, Cricket Man would rather be at home. And if he has not got

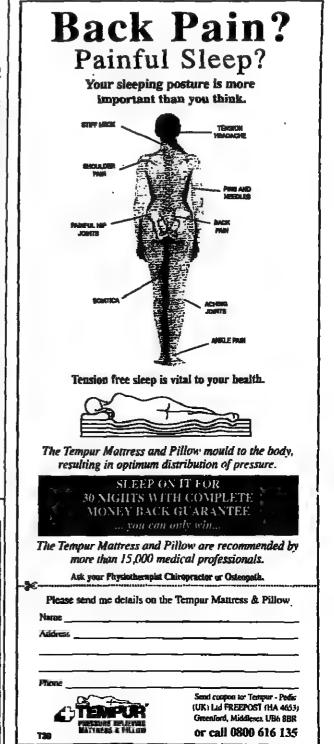
satellite he'd be happy to spend the night at the home of any friend who has.

With matches starting just before four in the morning. GMT, night-time preparation has been essential. An alarm clock radio lay by the bedside, pre-set to pre-dawn Christo-pher Martin-Jenkins. Another alarm clock, vital cricketing insurance, had also to be set, placed cruelly beyond the reach of an outstretched arm. If the match was at a

weekend, Cricket Man took elaborate care to ensure that his wine rack was brimming with good red wine and that his fridge had cheese and ham and paté. Kids were banished into more patient care, bribed with promises of trips to The Little Princess.

All that is now over. Cricket Man will mull and contemplate for a few more days. bemoan the fate of English cricket, bay for Illingworth's blood and say: "My! Haven't the Sri Lankans been luminous!" But there will be no escape from a truth. The World Cup is over. The world is over. Six transit gloria mundi.





Cabinets do well to toe the line

Peter Riddell says Euro-sceptics need collective responsibility

he Government has landed itself in yet another European mess over a referendum on a single currency. Ministers have been panicked by exaggerated fears of Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party into taking a view now, while the rival factions are adopting perverse positions. The sceptics want a referendum and the suspension of Cabinet collective responsibility, while most pro-Europeans argue the opposite. But to stop sterling joining a single currency, the sceptics should be against a referendum and in favour of a single Cabinet line. By contrast. a referendum and an agreement for ministers to differ offers pro-Europeans the only realistic route into monetary union.

As Malcolm Rifkind admitred yesterday, collective responsibility will be a central issue in the Cabinet paper he is drafting on the referendum. This has been a core constitu-tional principle since Melbourne remarked more than 150 years ago, "By the bye, there is one thing we haven't agreed upon, which is, what are we to say? Is it to make our corn dearer, or cheaper, or to make the price steady? I don't care which: but we had better all tell the same story."

Joseph Chamberlain argued in favour of "absolute frankness in our private relations and full discussion of all matters of common interest . . .

It is hard

to see

how any

dissenting

ministers

could stay

in the

Cabinet

the decisions freely arrived at should be ioyally supported and considered the decisions of the whole of the Government. Of course, there may be occasions to which the difference is of so vital a character that it is impossible for the minority to continue their support, and in this

case the ministry breaks up or loosened. These events conthe minority member or members resigns" - as Chamberlain himself did twice.

Occasionally, prime minis-ters have allowed ministers to differ on conscience issues such as the death penalty and abortion, but this has not applied to central political questions, with two big exceptions. In January 1932, the National Government under Ramsay MacDonald announced it had agreed to differ on tariffs, to keep four free-trade ministers in the coalition. They did vote against the Government but resigned eight months later.

The other main example was in 1975, when Harold Wilson suspended collective responsibility during the referendum on Britain's membership of the EEC, in face of deep party divisions. Two years later, James Callaghan allowed ministers to vote against the Bill introducing direct elections to the European Assembly. Differences were publicly exposed in the Commons: the Cabinet divided 14 to 7 for staying in the EEC. with other ministers split 31 on each side and a majority of backbenchers against. A dip into Tony Benn's diaries or Roy Jenkins's memoirs shows the passions aroused as Cabinet ministers confronted each other in public, much to Wilson's furv.

Some current constitutional writers have welcomed these cases. Rodney Brazier writes in his Constitutional Practice

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that not only were "the 1975 and 1977 suspensions . undoubted successes for the Governments concerned - the two administrations held together, which is the main aim of the exercise - but also the issues before ministers and country were more fully aired and argued than otherwise would have been the case". It is hard to see what else Wilson could have done. The Labour pro-Europeans who had iniially opposed the referendum later felt that the two-to-one backing for membership iso-lated their left-wing opponents (at least until after the 1979

That is the intriguing paral-lel for the Tory pro-Europeans now. If, after the next election, a Tory government moved in favour of a single currency. divisions among ministers and the parliamentary party might be similar to Labour's in 1975. So the only way that a pro-joining Cabinet majority could prevail without splitting the party apart, as in 1846 over the repeal of the Corn Laws. would be through a referendum and a temporary "agreement to differ". That is why some cannier sceptics such as Michael Portillo have been wary of a referendum. Their interests would be better served by retaining collective responsibility. Then a hard

core of half-e-dozen sceptics could block joining a single currency by threatening to resign as a

But such open divisions have longterm costs. As Lord Jenkins of Hillhead has written, things were never quite the same for Labour after 1975, as tribai party loyalties were

oreover, while full

tributed to the SDP breakaway of 1981. Vernon Bogdanor argues in his new book Politics and the Constitution that "in the long run . . . far from preserving traditional party alignments, the referendum may have helped to

discussion of op-L tions before a decision is reached may be welcomed as candid, open government, an agreement to differ afterwards reveals a basic weakness in any administration. There is a difference between having a ref-erendum on a vital issue which cuts across party lines and the Cabinet itself not having an agreed view. Unlike the 1975 referendum, which largely ratified the status quo. a decision on a single currency would initiate a series of farreacting changes. It is hard to see how publicly dissenting

Cabinet. Tony Blair has said that all members of his Cabinet would have to stick to the agreed policy during a referendum. Many senior ministers agree. But if the present Cabinet decides to allow differences. and it would be inviting trouble to say so now - its whole credibility as a Government would be undermined. It is not only Kenneth Clarke's future that is at stake; the future of John Major's Cabinet is too.

ministers could remain in the

When the unspeakable killing happens, politicians and media should be brief or keep silent

A weekend in Derby-shire is a tortic to such as I, who, hearing only politicians, seeing only nat-ional television and reading only newspapers, and finding consensus between all of them about the public mood, begin to suppose I that know the

I thought I was alone. I thought I was being cynical and crabby. I thought my feelings of rising embarrass-ment and finally disgust as politicians wade into the sea of tears surrounding Dunblane, then add to them, might find no echo. Mercifully, my own paper has been among the more restrained. but still my disquiet grew at a press of which elements have done nothing for six days but find new angles on Dunblane. new opinions on Dunblane, wring their hands about Dunblane, feed off each other's stories from Dunblane, and wallow in the grief of Dunblane. I thought that

reaction might be eccentric. Perhaps this is what readers and viewers wanted? What in modern Britain seems appropriate to the circumstance? Was I wrong to call it mawkish - or wrong. rather, to accord the word any but a private meaning? Had this looked mawkish to other people in Britain?

Yes it has. Of the score or so I've asked in Derbyshire, in many walks of life, almost all have thought the media coverage since Dunblane overheated, tasteless and relentless to the point of vetation.

For me, veration began at Prime Minister's Questions last Thursday. The House had already had an opportunity to register its shock the previous day, when Miss Boothroyd had sensibly asked for a single intervention on behalf of each party. A small number of short and dignified expressions of sympathy and harror followed.

It would have been better to

Matthew Parris



leave it at that. But the following day MPs returned to the subject. The occasion was, frankly and in my personal view, little short of

I do not doubt their sincerity, but we can succumb to our emotions or we can control them, and I would on the whole prefer those who may command us in peace or war to control them. I could completely understand the feelings of those who spoke, but public men and women who find themselves close to tears

in the legislature should not forget that there exists the option of saying little or not speaking at all. Jim Wallace, for the Liberal Democrats, was brief, correct but slightly formal. Again a personal view, but after that I would

follow Mr Wallace anywhere.

I absolutely did not form the

view that those who spoke most feelingly had the finest

feelings.
"Suffer the little children to come unto me," said lan Paisley, quoting Christ. Yet again a personal view, but my

mind moved to another piece of scripture: By their fruits ye shall know them.

And now everybody is travelling to Dunblane. Why? Is this really what the people there need? The thing takes on a sort of momentum, of course, because once a couple of public figures have made the journey, other public figures suppose they may be judged unsympathetic unless they go too. Monarchs did not use to fly to the scenes of terrible tragedies, but now they must. You can imagine the fuss in the tabloid newspapers if the Queen declined to

And what was the result? Hordes of camera crews and reporters invading the city. Why not wait a few months and go when the world has begun to forget?

In recent days it has become almost obligatory to remark that grief expressed is a healing force, helping others to bear up. Is this really always true? A simple expression of condolence is always comforting, even from strangers, but is a sort of national wallowing, accompanied by hugely dramatised visits, real-

ly kind to Dunblane? It has become obligatory too, to remark that expressing - even celebrating - our sympathetic feelings helps us to focus on what practical assistance we can give, or what reforms we can make. I question that. Tears do not mean action. I cry regularly in the cinema. Tears can become a substitute for action.

Let me repeat: I accuse nobody of instrucerity; accuse" nobody of anything. But we are not immune in the British media to a kind of lachrymose fit: a self-induced frenzy sometimes of horror, sometimes of mawkishness, and sometimes a distasteful mixture of both. After these fits we emerge drained but unpurged, and, all too often. sadly unimproved.

Tories but not conservatives

The party may draw on several traditions, but

appeasement should not be one of them

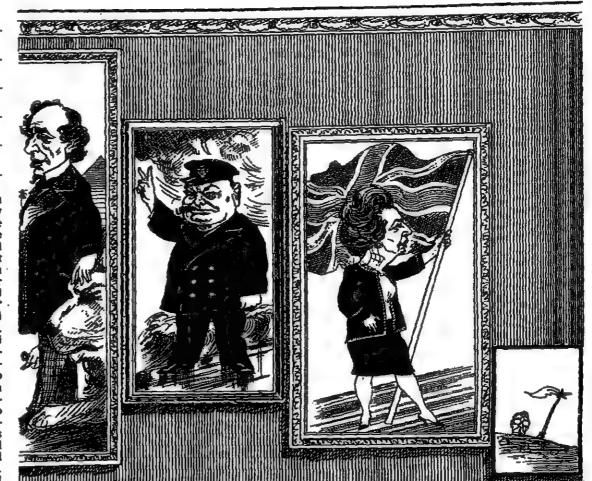
ast Monday I was voting in the House of Lords for Lady Young's amendment to the Lord Chancellor's divorce Bill. I try to attend debates on moral issues. Hers was a very modest amendment, itself a compromise. In cases where there were children or where one partner objected, the Lord Chancellor's "one year, no fault" divorce proposal would be extended to a waiting period of 18 months. Even that the Lord Chancellor would not accept. As I went through the lob-by I found myself immediately be-hind Lord Tebbit: I commented to him that we seemed always to vote in the same lobby, and were always beaten. Last week we lost again, by 109 to 157, despite the support of 60 Conservative peers, and of crossbenchers such as the eminent judge Lord Ackner, the retired Chief Rabbi Lord Jakobovits, and the Bishop of Ripon.

We were outvoted by the usual Lords, a coalition of permissives and placepersons. It included Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, who has voted for every measure to undermine the family for 40 years, and Earl Russell. who is a hereditary progressive. It included such placepersons as the noisy Baroness Trumpington and Viscount Cranborne, the Lord Privy Seal. It also included, inevitably, Lord Habgood, the recently retired Archbishop of York, who can be relied on

to vote for the progressive ticket. After eight years in the House of Lords, I have no great objection to Tony Blair's proposal to abolish the hereditary peers; my only regret is that he did not propose to abolish the life peers first. Any unelected Flouse of Lords has become quite absurd. Life peers are rather worse than the hereditary, since we consist so largely of retired politicians, still often pursu ing the fashionable ideas of the 1960s. There is nothing remotely democratic about a legislature stuffed with the nominees of retired or deceased

prime ministers. I voted for Lady Young's amendment, having sequired my right to do so because I was recommended for a peerage by Margaret Thatcher: Lord Clifford of Chudleigh had the right to vote for it because his ancestor was a member of Charles II's cabal. His title is no less or more democratic than mine, and its provenance is certainly of greater historical interest.

The redeeming virtue of the House of Lords is that one can sit on the crossbenches, and does not have to take any party whip. I find myself



usually voting with the real conserva-tives, including Lord Tebbit and sometimes Lady Thatcher herself. The trouble is that we can find ourselves voting against what is commonly referred to as a Conservative Government. If only it were. The divorce Bill is based on the

principle of one year, no fault, which makes marriage a contract of minimal commitment. Britain has about the worst divorce rate (that is, the highest) in Europe, eight times that of Italy. The Lord Chancellor's Bill does not counterattack this high-divorce culture, which has been so disastrous for family stability and for hundreds of thousands of children. He has appeased the divorce lobby. Appeasement is characteristic of this administration, as it was of Neville Chamberlain's, The Lord Chancellor himself, though amiable, does not seem to be a man of any conservative principles; he is a rather gullible Scottish lawyer, too much impressed

The principles of British conservatism are derived from our national history. They draw on different traditions, on John Locke's doctrines of liberty and property, on the institutionalism of Edmund Burke, on the free-market theory of Adam Smith, and on the political careers of Pitt, Peel, Churchill and Thatcher. There is a strong commitment to democracy, and the recognition that the open society depends on strong institutions. These need to be reformed, but they also need to be preserved. There is no majority for this philosophy of conservatism in the present House of Lords, nor, so far as one can

tell, in the present Cabinet. I have been much struck by the example of the London hospitals. Britain is extremely short of hospital beds; we have half the Euro-

William Rees-Mogg

pean average — only Spain has fewer. We are still very fortunate in having a number of historic hospitals in London, traditional centres of medical excellence. St Bartholomew's Hospital is the world's premier hospital, founded a century before Parliament itself. Patients are dying on trolleys in the corridors of the London hospitals, but the Department of Health is ploughing ahead with closing Bart's, on the basis of obsolete and manifestly unreliable estimates. It is a grotesque and

inhuman blunder. Closing Bart's seems to be imposed by the ill-informed but highly manipulative health service bureaucracy. The Secretary of State, Stephen Dorrell, is no more a conservative than the Lord Chancellor; he seems to be a pale-faced frontman for his civil servants in this matter.

The worst example of the Government's lack of principle has been the development of European policy. This Government, under John Major, signed the Maastricht treaty and rammed its provisions through both Houses of Parliament; using the whips and relying on the pliable placepersons, they pushed it through the House of Lords without a referendum. Those peers who voted against the Maastricht referendum thoroughly deserve to be abolished, because so many of them knew it was wrong to do so. Now the Foreign Secretary has published a position paper on European policy which makes nonsense of all that has gone before. If these really were the Government's objectives, it should never have signed Maastricht.

Nearly five years after Maastricht, the Government has still not decided whether it wants to join the single currency or whether it should have a referendum if it does. From a conservative point of view, the single currency would destroy the pound, with all the loss of national independence that implies. Even more fatally, it would bring to an end the control of the money power by the House of Commons, which is the core mechanism of British democracy, Sovereignly would be gone, democracy gone, at one blow. It would take the money power away from the House of Commons and give it to unelected

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say he will resign if the Cabinet decides to have a referendum, even on the narrower currency issue. Such a referendum would not replace the one on Maastricht which John Major refused. Yet if the Prime Minister is to remain in office, he cannot be dictated to by his Chancellor. Like the Lord Chancellor or Stephen Dorrell. Kenneth Clarke is not a conservative at all. He has never even pretended to be. His true political position is approximately that of the hyphen between Liberal and Democrat. It is sometimes said that the Conservative Party has to accept people like Kenneth Clarke if it is to be a broad church. Even a broad church does not need atheist bishops.

alcolm Rifkind's White Paper has been acceptbut I fear they have missed the point. In the years since John Major became Prime Minister, he has often previously said that he is opposed to the creation of a European federal superstate. Yet in his time the Euro-lederalists have won every match. There was not only the federalist Treaty of Maastricht, where John Major sold the pass, but also the absurd incident when be blackbailed the Belgian Jean-Luc Dehaene and meckly accepted the equally Euro-federalist Luxembourger Jacques Santer.

The White Paper depends on trust. People need to believe that this Government will fight for the positions it has taken up. Such a belief cannot be justified. The Government's record is one of continuous retreat: Britain has been repeatedly outmanoeuvred by the Euro-federal-ist forces, by the Commission, by the European Court and by Helmut Kohl himself. If John Major were a de Gaulle, an Adenauer, a Churchill, or a Thatcher, it might be possible to trust him to stand up for British interests, for our democracy and independence. But he is not that kind of person at all. He is the man of Maastricht: he has never faced down the Euro-fanabcism of Kenneth Clarke. On Europe, the Govern-ment's record speaks far louder than its White Paper.

I do not think that conservatism is dead. The set of ideas seems so natural to mankind that it can never disappear. It is natural to want liberty, to want democracy, to want independence. It is natural to feel an attachment to one's own country, and to one's country's institutions. It is natural to want to build one's own life, to develop one's own property as well as one's own career. It is natural to care for one's family and one's children. It is right to believe in the faith of one's own conviction. These truths are self-evident. What is sad is that, in Britain, one cannot trust the Conservative Party to follow this conservative politicial philosophy, or indeed any consistent political philosophy at all.

Duke of hazard

WHILE the Prince of Wales recently decided to quit the cockpit after an incident in which the plane he was flying slid off the runway in the Hebrides, his father is going for increasingly bold aeronautical adventures. The Duke of Edinburgh has raised half a million dollars for charity by flying himself across the Atlantic to a fundraising dinner.

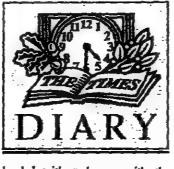


The Duke in harness

His Royal Highness astonished Capitol Hill powerbrokers, and emptied their pockets for his Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme, by taking the controls of a BAe 146 of the Queen's Flight as it crossed the Atlantic, and landing at Washington's National airport for a whistlestop visit last week.

Guests were agog as the Duke -at 74, a veteran aviator - calmly told them how he platted the course via leeland and Labrador and then hugged the coast to Washington. His tales of derringdo at the Corcoran Gallery dinner scooped him \$300,000, and he picked up \$200,000 more at fancy lunches, including one hosted by Michael and Arianna Huffington.

An achievement of this kind, however, is a tribute to the Duke's fitness: he is required by the Civil Aviation Authority to pass a rigorous medical every six months. But there has been the odd tricky moment. Some years ago he is understood to have been involved in a near-miss when he flew too low at Heathrow, and he once



landed with a bump, with the Queen on board, in Australia.

• Mark Thomas, the comedian who sought William Waldegrave's help in exporting to Iraq a tank refurbished as an ice-cream van. now plans to bet the entire £10,000 budget for the last programme in his TV series on a horse. If he wins. the show will go ahead and he will throw parties in pubs across the country, if he loses, he and the crew will do the show for free from his front room.

Gone down

COULD it be the lowest ever elec-

cillor in Oxford's central ward means a by-election next month. Polling day will be during the university vacation, even though 85 per cent of the electorate are

The remaining 15 per cent have a limited choice of candidates. Labour missed the deadline for nominations and the Tories struggled to find a candidate. Eventually they came up with a student who recently stood in student union elections for new Labour.

Will power

I TRUST that when Will Carling hobbled up the steps at Twicken-ham to receive the Millennium Trophy on Saturday he and Prince Edward kept their jolly little chat away from family business. But Carling was not allowed to forget his relationship with the Princess of Wales at the dinner at the London Hilton which followed the victory over Ireland, his last game as Eng-

land captain. The tributes flowed. "He has been an outstanding captain of England for a number of years." said Niall Hogan, Ireland's captain and a doctor with a neat line in double entendres. "He has per-

● Woody Allen, who had been due to play a concert at La Fenice in Venice before it burnt down, has not been offended by threats from the magistrate investigating the fire to jail him for trespass after he entered the ruined opera house to see the damage. Currently posing as a jobbing clarinettist on a European tour. he is planning a film set



partially in Venice, and wants to donate the proceeds to rebuilding the opera house.

Hawk-eye

THE Queen's ability to keep sailing on against the sea of troubles pounding her family is explained by the Duke of Wellington. He says she finds strength from her love of the countryside and her dogs: and he reports on the keenness of the

royal cyes.
I know of no one who gets more fun out of handling her labradors in the field. In Scotland, for example, she will watch a drive and go for hundreds of yards to pick up a solitary grouse, which only she has seen drop a long way behind the line of butts. She invariably returns triumphantly holding a bird," he writes in The Field need month.

Party piece

THE ACTRESS Dorothy Tutin has kept her next project in the family. She and her husband Derek Waring are playing a married couple in a Radio 4 production of Somerset Maugham's Before the Party.

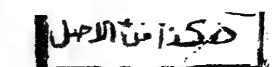


Tutin: family show

Their daughter in the play is to be played by their real-life daughter,

Amanda Waring.

Dorothy and I were not that concerned about our own performances," explains Derek. "We were more concerned about Amanda, because it was her first broadcast play. We were both so pleased afterwards and saying to each other, 'Well, you were rubbish but Amanda was great."





THE LEGLESS BEAR

Russians are only beginning to feel pain at what they have lost

Gennadi Zyuganov, the leader of Russia's Communist Party who is well ahead of Boris Yeltsin in opinion polls, unveiled his manifesto for June's presidential elections yesterday to chants of "Soviet Union! Soviet Union!" Mr Zyuganov, an unrepentant admirer of Stalin, won an ovation with his pledge to cancel treaties which "harm" Russian interests. Last Friday, with the support of Vladimir Zhirinovsky's ultra-nationalists. his Communist-led coalition of "popularpatriotic forces" resoundingly won a vote in the Duma that declared "null and void" the 1991 agreement, engineered by Mr Yeltsin, to dissolve the Soviet Union and create the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

Mr Yeltsin angrily denounced the Duma resolution as a "scandalous" and unprincipled piece of political theatre with no legal force. But this is theatre with a ready audience, as every Russian politician knows. Mr Yeltsin argues that rebuilding the Soviet Union is unrealistic and that attempts to do so "would bring great harm to Russia". Even if no coercion were involved - and it would be - he is right: the economic costs of rebuilding the empire would cripple Russia's economy, just when an end is finally in sight to the worst hardships that accompanied reform. But even Mr Yeltsin, conscious of popular bitterness at Russia's diminished global status, was careful to add that the vote would, by upsetting Russia's neighbours, set back the "reintegration" of the CIS, which he claimed to be well under way.

To the discomfort of the West and of Russia's neighbours, "reintegration" will be a dominant theme of this campaign. It is code not only for restoring Russia's superpower status, but for a return to old certainties and a feeling of national security. Russians, a Western diplomat comments, remind him of Douglas Bader, the heroic wartime pilot who lost both legs in combat: five years after the break-up of the Soviet Union, they are just beginning to feel the pain of the amputation. Nostalgia for lost empire combines with rising hostility to

Western nations, which are widely if unfairly blamed for the huge gaps in wealth in Russia's primitive, crime-ridden version of the market economy. The conspiracy theory hawked by both Communists and nationalists, that the West engineered the Soviet Union's collapse in order to weaken Russia, packs a powerful electoral punch.

Mr Zyuganov, who has a third of the vote firmly in his pocket, will win the first round. His speeches and writings hardly bear out Western theories that he will reach for the centre in search of victory. He praises China for combining economic reforms with communist orthodoxy; he is at best ambiguous about private ownership; he has likened the IMF to Nazi gauleiters in occupied Soviet territory; and, while he says no force will be used, he clearly hopes to outflank Mr Zhirinovsky by appealing to the irredentist vote.

Mr Yeltsin, when sober and even when legless in his own inimitable way, is a formidable grassroots campaigner; but the odds against his winning a second term are currently longer than those against John Major. He could be hard-pressed even to beat Mr Zhirinovsky, who is heavily backed by organised crime, for the critical second place that would carry him through to the final round. To keep the Communists out, he might even be tempted to cut a tactical deal with Mr Zhirinovsky - the price of which would be a more aggressively expansionist foreign policy. Western politicians are finding that the more they lecture Moscow on Russia's duty to respect the sovereignty of the CIS republics, the more brusquely they are publicly told that Russia's "near abroad" is none of their business. Privately, they are told not to play into Mr Zyuganov's hands. They cannot be certain that this is a passing phase. The West's goal is a democratic, responsible Russia and Mr Yeltsin may still be the least bad choice; but this election looks less and less like a straight contest between democratic reformers and authoritarians. To beat his foes, Mr Yeltsin may resort to stealing some of their offensive armour.

BLAIR UNBOUND

Labour should abandon the Shadow Cabinet elections

The Prime Minister's most precious power is deciding when to hold elections. It is one of he few things for which Tony Blair must envy John Major. Mr Blair is as anxious to see an early general election as he is determined never to see another Shadow Cabinet poll. It paradoxical that a party committed to democratic accountability and critical of the arbitrary power of the executive should be planning to abandon the main electoral check on the freedom of the leader. But important though party democracy is, the principle of choosing the Cabinet by annual popularity poll is flawed. On the threshold of a general election, it appears irresponsible.

The Labour leadership is considering whether to abandon, or advance, this year's Shadow Cabinet elections. There is backbench pressure to hold a poll. Traditionalist members of the Parliamentary Labour Party want to assert that there are limits on the leader's authority and to punish Harriet Harman for choosing a selective school for her son. Many on the Left are also keen to strengthen the claim of independent frontbenchers such as Ron Davies, the Shadow Welsh Secretary, for a place in a future Labour Cabinet. One of Mr Davies's supporters, the MP for Newport West, Paul Flynn, has argued for elections in July. safely this side of a possible autumn election.

It would be altogether better for Mr Blair not to hold any election at all. Choosing the future Cabinet by holding a beauty contest for backbenchers is wasteful of Shadow Ministers' energies and inappropriate for a party serious about the business of government. The autumnal manoeuvrings in the dark corridors of Westminster, where

favours are traded, egos stroked and regional blocs bartered, places a premium on clubbable mediocrity rather than dedicated talent. Radical thinking on, say, the constitution or trade unions is inhibited for fear of offending vested Labour movement mierests. Moreover, Shadow Ministers waste time buttering up colleagues which they should spend mastering their briefs and harrying the Government.

In consequence figures such as David Clark, Tom Clarke and Joan Lestor are elected as representatives of northeastern, Scottish or female caucuses in preference to MPs such as Brian Wilson, Alistair Darling and Alun Michael who are more of a match for ministers. It will be easier for Labour to convince the country it will govern wisely if it is seen to place fitness for the task above propitiating sectional party interests. A Shadow Cabinet of 18 elected members from which a Labour Prime Minister must draw his own Cabinet is a piece of Bennite baggage more suited to running a student union

than to governing the United Kingdom.

Not only will Labour's general election attack be blunted if its team is unsettled by Shadow Cabinet elections; the careful preparation for power which Mr Blair has instituted would be disrupted. The Labour leader and the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robin Butler, have held discussions between civil servants and frontbenchers to ensure an easy transfer of power, should Labour win. This delicate process should not be disturbed to appease a restless faction. Mr Blair should tell his backbenchers that the games an Opposition plays must now give way to the disciplined work of an aspiring government.

THE GOLDEN SQUARE MEAL

High-flyers may be better employed as chefs than bankers

Cookery is the third oldest profession, far older than banking. So our report that bankers are giving up bonuses to train as chefs is a triumph of tribal experience over hope (slim) of becoming a master of the universe.

Finance is the science of managing resources for the advantage of the manager. But cookery is the art of managing resources for the advantage of the consumer. So gastronomy may be improved by these recruits, conventionally described as high-flyers. They have reversed the proverb by getting into the kitchen when they cannot stand the heat of the trading floor. But City slang suggests that this jump from the fire into the fryingpan will not improve kitchen language.

Raymond: Pass me the Mrs Beeton (wheaten) flour, please. My Brothers Roux is too thin. And I want to be the biggest spotted dick in the hot stock exchange. Tracey: And I want to be the honorary spotted dick. Cooking is more fulfilling than dealing in futures. And if we make it to a la carte, we shall be glamorous names, unlike those at Lloyd's. But lift up your apron and tell me what is wrong with this Brillat-Savarin (navarin).

Raymond: It needs a bit more Nick Leesoning (seasoning). How many cloves of garlic? Tracey: I Jack and Jilled (filled) it with a Michael Jackson (under 10, ie, very small). Raymond: You should be thinking more of an Archer (think of a number, then double it). Garlic does what the old school tie did for spoons (silver-spoons, ie, public schoolboys). It adds flavour to an otherwise insipid dish. But how can I to stop my spaghetti tangling into lumps like the screen after a hard day with the virtual reality of numbers?

Tracey: You cannot nerdle it like Nick Leeson, the sous chef for fricasseeing figures. But you could punt and try a light rinse with conditioning cream, followed by a quick once over with a blow-dryer. Now spaghetti is well offered (unpopular) and yours (you can have it). My Raymond Blanc spot is soup. Mine has come out so thick that when I stir it, the room goes round, as with some of those Lloyd's syndicates. Can anyone lend me a soup knife?

Raymond: I get a lump in my throat when I think of your soup. In fact, I get a lump in my throat when I eat your soup. We may not yet be Ayrton Senna (ten-star) or even a handful (five-star) chefs. But our new art adds more to the sum of human happiness than our old trade. Outsiders hate the City high-flyers in red braces and Porsches because they cannot understand what they do and think they get paid too much. But everybody loves a chef. To cook and serve a three-course meal takes quite as skilful management as fixing a Spaniard (one deal done = Don Juan). We take the grease and burns for society, and wash up afterwards. And the punters are at ease with us because we satisfy their atavistic instincts. And secretly they think that they (or at any rate their mothers) could cook better themselves. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

an urgent task From Mr Alan Millard

Sir, it comes as no surprise that head teachers should be calling on the Govemment to provide cash for inexpen-sive and practical measures to im-prove school security (report, March 14). Surely their request should be treated as a matter of urgency when so many of our school buildings stand as sorry monuments to years of under-

On a recent visit to the school where I first taught more than thirty years ago, I was saddened to see that the buildings were just as I remembered them. Nothing had changed, in spite of the many improvements and modernisations which have, over the same period, transformed our town centres, leisure developments and commercial properties.

The simple idea, for example, of fit-ting all school entrances with doors which open only outwards cries out to be highlighted. Cinemas have had such doors for years; why not schools? It can only be hoped that the head teachers' request will receive the sup-port it deserves and that the possibil-

ity of any future tragedy will be mini-

Yours faithfully, ALAN MILLARD, 8 Medina Court. Marine Parade West. Lee on the Solent, Hampshire. March 14.

mised.

Business rates

From Mr Stephen Kingsley

Sir, I occupy a small suite of offices in the City of London for which I have just received a rates bill. My liability, based on the rateable value, is £7,200 but I must also pay a "transitional adjustment" of £21,400, as the reduction in rates following the 1995 revaluation is being phased in over five years. My total bill is thus £28,600.

The Corporation of London anticipates collecting £631 million in council tax and non-domestic rates this year. It expects to spend £101 million in the same period. There will be a surplus, paid to the Government for use elsewhere, of £530 million. Assuming that my fourfold liability is typical, the amount paid by businesses in the City of London in transitional adjustments is some £472 million.

My rate bill is one of the larger overheads of my business, rather more than I pay in rent. If I did not have to pay the transitional adjustment I panding the business. If £472 million is being "overpaid" in the City of London alone, how much potential investment is being lost elsewhere?

The Prime Minister has recently said that he wishes to help small businesses who suffer from late payment of bills by their customers freport, Business, March 12: letters, March 16]. I could allow my clients 12 months' credit for the same cost as my additional rate liability.

A better way to help would be to remove the transitional adjustment in respect of non-domestic rates but I doubt this will happen. It is one thing for the Government to urge the pri-vate sector to part with money promptly and quite another for it to forgo revenue itself by reducing rate liability to the correct level.

Yours faithfully. STEPHEN KINGSLEY Stephen Kingsley (solicitors). Royex House, Aldermanbury Square, EC2. March 13.

Ireland's long memory

From Father John Buckley

Sir, Your leader, "The IRA's corner" (March 12), shows a limited insight into the republican psyche. The people who favour the option of physical force are the children of Bloody Sun-

They despise the British Army and distrust the RUC. They are vividly conscious of seventy years of ferocious discrimination and even oppression. They regard themselves as the protectors of the nationalist tradition and population. For such people decommissioning is not on.

The IRA think in centuries. They ask what is 25 years as compared with 700. To them there is no "Ulster problem", there is only the goal of a united Ireland. Sadly, I am not being "naive" but realistic

Yours sincerely JOHN BUCKLEY. The Presbytery, Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham, Southampton, Hampshire.

Gays in Armed Forces

From Mrs Ena Wogin

Sir, During the Second World War I worked as a nursing sister in military hospitals. Among the staff there were a few known lesbians [letters, March 7. 12. 13L

Who cared? We all cared - for the patients. Nothing else mattered.

Yours faithfully, ENA WOGIN, 36 Bowen Court. The Drive, Hove, East Sussex. March 12.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Security of schools Merits of proposals on family law

tained.

From the Bishop of Worcester

Sir. The article by Ralph Harris re-

quires a response if a comprehensive

debate on this subject is to be main-

It is very damaging that the Bill should ever have been called the "no-

fault divorce Bill". We should reso-

lutely have stuck to "the Family Law Bill". It is the first Bill initiated by gov-

ernment to put marriage and the fam-

ily at the centre. It seeks to boost mar-

riage and the family by better prepar-ation before and better assistance dur-

ing marriage. It seeks to save savable

marriages and is backed by all the ser-

vices like Relate, Catholic Marriage

Care, the Children's Society, the Fam-

ily Solicitors' Association and many more. In the settlement faults will in-

deed be taken into account and no di-

vorce will be granted until the settle-

ment is seen to be just and satisfac-

legislation is totally unsatisfactory.

The situation nearly adds up to di-

vorce through the post. The use of fault, as the Catholic bishops have said, has engendered deception, exag-

geration and deceit. Certainly the Sev-

enth Commandment forbids adultery

but the Ninth Commandment forbids

It is a great pity that good people differ on this Bill. Yes, we must pro-

claim through our laws that marriage

is the most solemn of commitments

and the breakdown of the family

causes lifelong hurt and public disor-

der. It is also a requirement of the

New Testament that we immerse our-

selves amongst those who have fallen

by the way and produce laws which

will heal and redeem an imperfect

and much to be lamented situation.

time amongst those who had let the

side down by failing to keep the law? Finally, let it be said emphatically

that the Churches and many other

bodies in our nation must take ser-

iously to heart the great dangers we

are in by the breakdown of our small-

est yet most important of institutions,

namely the family. Acts of Parliament

are important but there is also the

need for good people to bestir them-

selves in the nation.

The Bishop's House,

Hartlebury Castle

March 13.

Yours faithfully, †PHILIP WORCESTER,

Was not Jesus criticised for spending

false witness.

All agree that the present divorce

From Lord Carr of Hadley and Lord Fiton

Sir, We are dismayed by the content of Ralph Harris's article ("Divorced from his own party", March 13) on the Family Law Bill, recently passed by the House of Lords (report, March 12). We understand and respect the depth of opposition which some people feel about the Bill, but to stimulate opposition to it on false premises can only do more damage to the institution of

marriage.
To take just two statements in the

First, that the Bill "can be fairly summarised as divorce on demand in a year". This is a grossly unfair summary. It ignores the immense improvement that this Bill makes by ensuring that the implications of any divorce for the children and for the finances of the family are addressed be-

fore the divorce is granted. These may well not be settled in a year; indeed, faced with the harsh reality of the implications of a divorce, the parties may decide that a reconciliation is in everyone's best interests.

Contrast this with the present position, under which large numbers of divorces are obtained well within a year and before the arrangements for children and finances have been agreed; and where the first step is often not a reflection on the implications of a divorce but allegations of fault, which can only serve to drive the parties further away from a possible reconciliation.

The second statement is that "adultery or descrison will no longer be grounds for a divorce petition". This is chop logic at its worst. Adultery and descrition will remain most powerful arguments demonstrating the breakdown of a marriage.

The effect of the Bill will be to lengthen the period before which many people can obtain a divorce. Ask anyone who wants to jump from one marriage to another whether they would like to proceed under the present system or that proposed under

Under the current system fault, such as adultery, provides a quick way out of marriage - a curious fact which those opposing the Bill seem to ignore.

Yours faithfully CARR of HADLEY, ELTON, House of Lords. March 14.

Recycled glass

From Mr Stephen Poliock-Hill

Sir, Tony Kelly ("Why are Britons so bad at recycling?", Weekend, March 9) says that Britain comes bottom in Europe as regards the recycling of glass. This fact should be put into pro-

Back in 1989 I was the British representative on the Comité Permanent de l'Industrie du Verre attending a meeting with the European Commission in Brussels, where British glass manufacturers were criticised for being so low down the European league of good glass recyclers.

This did not appear correct to us, so we carried out a study including the volume of glass recycled by being returned to the filler - ie, milk bottles (then several million a day), beer bottles from tied pubs, and deposit-paid soft-drink bottles. We argued that it was more fuel-efficient to return on the same transport that delivers the bottle and goes back empty otherwise

(milkiloats and brewery delivery lorries) than to collect, transport to the nearest glass-producer, sort out, crush and remanulacture another bottle.

Kidderminister, Worcestershire.

Our total tonnage with the conventional recycled glass gave us a figure of over 64 per cent and put us straight to the top of the league. The German glass-producers said this was unfair and did not compare like with like and it also displaced them from their coveted first place.

If "returnable glass packaging" is included with "recycled" we are now close to the top of the league. We recyde just over half a million tonnes of glass a year; but we re-use a further 100,000 tonnes of milk bottles, doing an average 12 trips, 25,000 tonnes of beer bottles lasting 30 trips and 15,000 tonnes of carbonated drinks surviving 25 trips on average.

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN POLLOCK-HILL. Chairman, Nazeing Glassworks Ltd. Broxbourne, Hertfordshire.

Publications' concern

From the Chief Executive of the Morning Star Co-operative Society

Sir, Your diarist ("Falling star". March 14) reported a circulation crisis for this newspaper. A conference in Manchester on March 30 will tackle not only the wider issue of distribution difficulties (letters, February 26: March 4) but also the concentration of media ownership in the hands of a few powerful individuals who control

global media corporations.

The conference, and indeed the letter we sent to MPs, does not single out the Morning Star, which is but one title amongst many affected by the changes in the industry. This matter, which is of great public concern since it raises the question of the freedom of the press, has already been raised by many MPs on behalf of their constituents, especially newsagents.

Yours sincerely.
MARY ROSSER, Chief Executive, Morning Star Co-operative Society, 1-3 Ardleigh Road, N1. March 15.

Sir; Marcus Binney's article on reclaiming London for pedestrians "These beats are made for walking". March 13; also leading article, March 13; letters, March 15), must rank as the craziest idea I have heard for some time.

Roads were built, at enormous expense to their users, to provide a safe and even surface for transport which is the lifeblood of any city. The motoring public, who have the distinction of bearing the heaviest and most unfair tax burden of any sector of the community, have noticed uncomplainingly, the constant erosion of their road space in London. Needless to say, this From the Chairman of the National Federation of Women's Institutes

Labour and the WI

Sir. You reported (March 8) that the Labour Party was to announce "a programme of funches and teas with the Women's Institute".

In fact the Labour Party will be holding open meetings in selected areas of the country, which will be open to members of all women's organisations to attend if they choose to do so. There is no programme plann-

ed specifically for the WI. We are a democratic organisation independent of any political affiliation. We always welcome the opportunity to discuss our concerns with all political parties at a national and local level, but we do not endorse the activities of any one party.

Yours faithfully. ELIZABETH SOUTHEY. Chairman, National Federation of Women's Institutes, 104 New Kings Road, SW6.

is causing the ever increasing traffic jams with their consequent higher Cars in London

From Mr William D. Oliver

I am of the opinion that the problem could be solved by (a) releasing the road space which has been steadily pilfered over the last 20 years, (b) spending at least half of the tax that motorists pay on improving the roads and (c) using the revenue from parking meters for the purpose it was originally intended, to provide off-street

pollution levels.

car parking in the city. Incidentally, does anyone care what they do in Naples or Santiago de Com-

Yours faithfully. WILLIAM D. OUVER. 63 Grosvenor Park Road. Walthamstow, E17.

Treasure trove Bill 'must not fudge'

From Sir Nicholas Goodison. Chairman of the National

Sir, Alice Thomson's report, "Treasure trove Bill buries principle of 'finders keepers'" (later editions. March 9), drew welcome attention to the current inadequacies of the law of treasure trove. Sir Anthony Grant's Bill, which had its second reading in the House of Commons on March 9. would remove some of the present absurdities - such as the need to determine whether or not the treasure was buried deliberately - but it is only a partial solution. It does not address the fundamental need: to provide a proper mechanism of protection for all portable antiquities, together with an adequate system of recording

finds. The Department of National Heritage's discussion document, Portable Antiquities, tackles some but not all of the issues. More worryingly, it makes very clear that the Government's preferred option is for a voluntary code of practice, with no additional resources for the recording of finds. Yet the scale

of the problem is immense. Although we can never be sure how many finds go unreported, it is esti-mated that at least 400,000 objects of archaeological interest are discovered each year in England and Wales, many of them by metal detectorists, rather than archaeologists. The majority, probably, have little or no monetary value; their intrinsic worth lies in their historical significance. The Bill surely ought to embrace all portable antiquities, not just those containing precious metal.

As an organisation that is frequently called upon by museums to assist with purchases of antiquities, we are concerned that the present opportunity for reform should not be fudged. The Bill, and the discussion document, offer the first chance for 150 years to achieve progress in this vital

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS GOODISON, Chairman, National Art Collections Fund, Millais House, 7 Cromwell Place, SW7. March 14.

Young Picasso

From Mr John Pittuck Sir, Without detracting from or denytial of the young painter Alexandra Nechita (report, March 13; letters, March 15), the real test is yet to come.

All important artists, in their early days, have had their mentors whose example they have avidly absorbed and assimilated and whom they often continue to respect and admire. This, tied in with a powerful visual awareness and, yes, an ability to draw, form a springboard for one's own ideas and techniques to develop.

Picasso had the genius to invent and to inaugurate movements in art which popular opinion may have preferred to stifle, in the same way that the impressionists were initially derided because they dared to change direction.

I wish, as a painter, I had an ounce of Alexandra's ability and assurance and I shall follow her artistic development with much interest. But it would be wrong to mistake her for, or confuse her with Pablo Picasso just yet.

Unlike Janie Elston (letter, March 15) I do not subscribe to the notion of a "non-art world", nor do I give credibility to "popular theories". The first is synonymous with prejudiced indifference and smugness and the other seems, where art is concerned, to deal in outdated cliches.

Yours sincerely, JOHN PITTUCK, Hillside Cottage. 62 Dunmow Road. Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire. March 15.

Cost of monarchy

From Mr D. C. Ferris Sir, What would happen to the royal

palaces under a republic? (letter from Dr R. L. Sturch, March 14). Were a republic to arrive under the present Government, the palaces would be sold off at a trifling price to foreign companies of uncertain pedigree which would then make large profits by neglecting their upkeep while charging the public inflated prices to

Yours faithfully. D. C. FERRIS, 62 Argyll Road, Exeter, Devon.

Cover story

From Mr David B. Wood

Sir, Congratulations to the American chemical company. Upjohn, whose minoxidil drug can apparently encourage the growth of hair (Features. March 15).

An earlier American, whose snakeoil preparation signally failed to achieve the same result, is alleged to have transformed his fortunes by warning people not to apply it where the growth of hair would be undesirable.

Yours faithfully, DAVID B. WOOD, Il Mossborough Road, Rainford, St Helens, Lancashire. March 15.





COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 16: The Prince Edward this afternoon attended the Rugby Football Union Match between England and Ireland at Twickenham, Middlesex.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE March let The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended Mass at Coventry Cathedral, Coventry. West Midlands,

The Duchess of Kent this evening attended a reception, concert and dinner in aid of St John's Hospice. given by Sir Georg Solti. the Landmark London Hotel, Marylebone Road, London NWI.

March 17: The Queen, accompanied by The Princess Royal, today visited Dunblane Her Majesty and Her Royal Highness subsequently visited Stirling Royal Infirmary.

CLARENCE HOUSE March 17: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning pre-sented Shamrock to the Irish Guards at Chelsea Barracks on the occasion of St Patrick's Day. The Lady Angela Oswald, Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt., and Major Colin Burgess were in

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will attend a reception at the Institution of Civil Engineers at 6.30 to mark the fittieth anniversary of the Commonwealth

Wolfson History **Prize 1995**

The judges of the Wolfson History Prize 1995, Sir Keith Thomas, PBA, (chairman), Professor Averil Cameron, FBA, Professor Richard Ev ans, FBA, and Mr Kenneth Rose, have made the award to Professor H.C.G. Matthew, FBA, in recognition of his Gladstone 1375-1896 (Oxford University Press), the culmination of his Gladstone studles over the years, which include Gladstone 1809-1874 and his editorship of twelve volumes of The Gladstone Diaries.

Dinner

Cardiff Business Club

The President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Timothy Davies, the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mr Wynford Evans and Mr Gwilym Jones, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, were present at a diruner held by the Club at the Park Hotel, Cardiff, last Friday evening. The guest speaker was the Right Hon Peter Lilley, Secretay of State, Department of Social Security, Mr Brian K. Thomas, Chairman Mount Stuart Group Ltd.

Anniversaries BIRTHS: Grover Cleveland, 22nd

American President 1885-89 and 24th President 1893-97, Caldwell, New Jersey, 1837; Stephane Mallarmé, poet, Paris, 1842; Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, composer, Tikhvin, Russia. 1844; Rudolf Diesel, engineer, Paris. 1858; Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister 1937-40, Birmingham 1869; Wilfred Owen, Oswestry, 1893; Robert Donal. actor, Manchester, 1905.

DEATHS: Edward the Martyr.

King of England 975-8, murdered at Corfe Castle, Dorset. 978; Fra Angelico, painter, Rome, 1455; Philip Massinger, dramatist, London, 1640; Robert Walpole, ist Earl of Orford, the "First Prime Minister* 1721-42, London, 1745; Laurence Sterne, writer, London, 1768: John Horne Tooke, politician and philologist, London, 1812: Marcelin Berthelot, chemist, Paris. 1907; George I, King of Greece 1863-1913, assassinated, Salonika, 1913; Eleuthèrios Venizèlos, Groek Prime Minister 1910-15, 1917, 1934 and 1928-30, Paris, 1936; Farouk L King of Egypt 1936-52, Rome, 1965; Erich Fromm. physiologist, Locarno, Switzerland, 1980.

The Tolpuddle Martyrs were sentenced to transportation for forming a trade union, 1834. The Commune rising began in

Alexei Leonov, the Soviet cosmonaut, made the first walk in space from his craft Voskhod 2, 1965.

More than 30,000 tons of crude oil were disgorged when the Torrey Canyon was wrecked off Cornwall

Nature notes

Kestrels are finding life easier, as field mice and field ground winter stores of nuts thrushes make large mudand berries, and come to feed more often above ground. The

kestrels hunt them by hovering against the wind 30 to 50ft up in the air, and dropping down swiftly to snatch them with their talons. The first summer mi-

The chiffchaff grants are arriving: sand are bright gold stars with martins from Africa feed over anything from seven to 12 petals, and stand on separate stalks among beds of heart-

returning to the sandpits and sandy cliff-faces where they will dig out their nest holes, while chiffchaffs from the bushes, but they will not Mediterranean catch early begin to fly until the sunshine flies in the birches and wilgets really warm.

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lows. A few garden birds are beginning to build, often in lined nests, and long-tailed tits weave a domed nest of

moss and cobwebs which they will decorate with lichen, and line with hundreds of feathers. The first lesser celandines are in

Deputy Lieutenant Thomas James Jones has been appointed Deputy Lieutenant of

Miss Alexandra Marjorie Cheales and Mr Michael Henry Jubber have been appointed full-time Im-

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines Captain: D Copley — Dolphin 2.8.96; R F Strange — Warrior as CD 6.9.96. Commander: P M Eyerton — Drake NBC 12.7.96: A R Forsyth — Nelson 24.5.96: P A Jellyman — staff of FQSF 19.4.96: P D Kenward — Bristol 1.8.96: J A Lister — RAF High Wycombe 5.7.96: M F Prior — Staff of FQSF 30.8.96: M k Rothwell — Staff of POSF 14.96.

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Service dinners

Queen's Lancashire Regiment

The annual dinner of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment Volunteer Dinner Club was held on Saturday at Kimberley Barracks, Preston. Lieutenam-Colonel C.A. Hookey. Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion, presided.

Royal Logistics Corps TA Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Lady Victoria Leatham and Major-General M.S. White were the principal guests at a ladies dinner for the Honorary Colonels of The Royal Logistic Corps Territorial Army held on Saturday at the William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham, Lieutenan Colonel J.C. Miller presided.

Mr Hugh Clegg

A memorial meeting for Mr Hugh Armstrong Clegg, Emeritus Fel-iow of Nuffield College, Oxford, was held on Saturday in the college hall. Mr Tony Atkinson, Warden presided. Mr Pat Thompson Emeritus Fellow of Wadham College, Lord McCarthy, Emeritus Fellow of Nuffield College, Profes sor William Brown, Professor of Industrial Relations. Cambridge University, and Professor Max Hartwell. Emeritus Fellow of Nuffield College, also spoke.

Jeremy J. Beadle

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Jeremy J. Beadle will be held in the Chapel of Oriel College. Oxford, at 2pm on Sunday. April 28, followed by a reception at the Oxford Union.

Day three

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Schools news

Mark Scholambins

Uppingham

Uppingham School has awarded ic Scholarships for entry at 13+ to the following: George Carbett. Community College, Cambridge, Richard Ansterberry, Ripon Calhedral Choir School: Micholas

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West Glamorgan. Appointments

The undercarriage of a 1949 Triumph Roadster getting a close inspection at the two-day London Classic Motor Show held at Alexandra Palace over the weekend

Cruft's Show results







Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.C.R. Barder and Miss V.J. Haha

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Barder, ut London. W6, and Victoria, daughter of Mrs Hahn and the late Mr Douglas Hahn, of Blackheath.

Mr K.D. Bresnahan and Miss S.C. Wood

The engagement is announced between Kevin, son of Mr and Mrs D.D.S. Bresnahan, of Little Common. East Sussex, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Wood, of St Asaph, Clwyd.

Mr N.M. Crofton

and Miss K.E. Spark The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr H.E.M. Crofton, MBE, and Mrs Crofton. of St Giles Hill, Winchester, and Kate, daughter of Mr D.J. Spark and the late Mrs M.E.D. Spark. of Awliscombe, Devon.

Mr C.J. Fletcher

Mr M. Maslinski

and Miss J.L. Prestka The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr John Fletcher, of Liphook, and Mrs Susan Fletcher, of Malta, and Joanna, elder daughter of the late Mr Richard Prastka and of Mrs Lyn Salter, of Stisted, Essex,

and Miss M. Mullen The engagement is announced between Michael Maslinski, of Dolphin Square. London, SWI. of Yvonne and the late Janek and Margaret (Maggie) Mullen, of Morpeth Terrace, London, SWI,

daughter of Francis and Lisa.

and Miss E.A. Eicher The engagement is announced between George, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Giles Pitman, of Albury. Herrfordshire, and Liz, daughter of Mr Jean Either, of Linemburg.

and the late Mrs Jean Eicher. Mr M.C.A. Pougatch

and Lady Victoria Scott The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the late Mr Michael Pougatch and of Mrs Michael Pougatch, and Victoria, younger daughter of the Earl of Eldon and the Countess of Eldon.

Marriage

His Honour Judge Fletcher and Mrs S. Kennedy-Hawkes

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, March 16, at St Andrews. Shottery. Stratford-upon-Avon. between His Honour-Judge John Fleicher, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs S.G. Fleicher, of Kingston, Jamaica, and Mrs Susan Kennedy-Hawkes, daugh-ter of the late Mr Peter Rice, MBE, and of Mrs Patricia Hewat-Jaboor, of Jersey, Channel Islands. The Rev Stuart Beake officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by Mr Thomas Kennedy-Hawkes, Miss Susan Fletcher read the lesson. Mr Michael Fletcher and Mr Patrick Kennedy-Hawkes were ushers and Mr Christopher Johnson was best man.

A reception was held at the Lord Leycester Hospital, Warwick, and the honeymoon will be spent in the West Indies.

Birthdays today

Mr Ron Atkinson, football manager, 57; Mr Patrick Barlow, actor, writer and director, 49: Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Beale, 62; Professor Alexander Boksenberg, astronomer, 60; Major Sir David Butter, former Lord-Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross, 76; Mr J.P. Dawson, trade unionist, 56; Miss Lois Dyer, international physio-therapy consultant, 71: Mr Pat Eddery, jockey. 44: Mr Roger Evans. MP, 49; Sir William Fraser, former Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Glasgow University, 67; Sir Peter Harrop, civil servant, 70: Mr Alex Higgins, snooker player.

47: Professor Celia Hoyles, mathematician, 50: Mr Patrick Kavanagh, former Deputy Commissioner, Metropolitan Police, 73; Professor Linda Partridge, evolutionary biologist, 46: Professor Sir Gordon Robson, anaesthetist, 75; Mr Alan Sapper, trade unionist, 65; Mr Barry Shaw, Chief Constable, Cleveland, 55: Mr Nicholas Snowman. chief executive, South Bank Centre, 52; Mr Ingemar Stenmark, skier, 40; Professor Eric Sunderland, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Wales, 66; Mr John Updike, writer, 64; Professor J.Z. Young, zoologist, 89.

Latest wills

Lady Margaret Ann Elton, of Clevedon, Avon, left estate valued at £476,826 net.

She left all prints, ithographs and engravings belonging to her and hanging in the rooms of those parts of Clevedon Court regularly open to the public to the Mational Trust, ESS each to the Council for the Protection of Rural England, Avon branch, the Friends of the Bristo City Art Gullery. Friends of the Bristol City Art Gallery. All Saints' church. East Clevedon, St. John the Swangelist church. Clevedon, St. John the Swangelist church. Clevedon, and Somerier Recuro Office and F100 tech to the brillshed Critic. Clevedon branch. the Friends of the Woodspring Mirseum, Weston super Mart. St. Peters Hospics, Bristol, Administy International. South Avon branch. Clevedon Canter Relief, the Prayer Book Society and British Council of Christians and Free.

Frances Alleen Marsham, Countess Romney, of West Rudham, Norfolk, left estate valued at

Susi Hush, of London W4, the television producer, left estate val-ued at £185,696 net.

Co Durham, retired journalist, for 23 years motoring correspondent of The Sunday Telegraph, left estate valued at £210,357 net. He left ESOO to the Guild of Motoring Writers Benevolent Fund, and £250 to the Newspaper Press Fund,

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Ross Hunter, Hollywood film producer, died on March 10 aged 79. He was born on May 6,

IF ROSS HUNTER was regarded by most serious critics as a figure of fun, at least he had the classic consolation of being able to cry all the way to the bank. He also had the more elusive satisfaction of doing exactly what he wanted to do and of making the films he wanted to make, whatever anyone else might think of his choices.

He was, during the Fifties and Sixties, Hollywood's unchallenged king of kitsch. He made the most deliriously overdone, but unassailably successful, weepy movies of the era, With Pillow Talk (1959) he invented the "Doris Day comedy". and teamed the star with her most successful partner, Rock Hudson, Finally, with Airport (1970), he produced one of the most effective of all the disaster movies which came into their own in the early Seventies.

Ross Hunter (real name Martin Fuss) was born and brought up in Cleveland, Ohio; from the beginning his real ambition was to be an actor. After graduating from Western Reserve University, for a while he taught in high school, pursuing his acting ambitions in his spare time. But in 1943 he managed to attract the attention of an agent, and was signed up for Hollywood by Columbia Pictures.

He made his debut as the romantic lead in Louisiana Hayride (1944). following this with similar roles in a number of other B-movies in the 1940s, such as A Guy, a Girl and a Pal, Hit the Hay and Sweetheart of Sigma Chi. At the end of three years his contract was not renewed, but he remained in Los Angeles, teaching again and producing and directing in the local fringe theatres.

As a result of this he was hired to coach film actors in their lines, and in 1951 was put under contract as an associate producer at Universal, Universal at this time was definitely a second-league studio, churning out routine products according to the standard models of the moment. sometimes starring new discoveries on their way upwards, more often with stars aiready slightly past their sell-by date who had been let go by the majors.

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Hunter quite happily fitted in with this pattern, since it corresponded exactly to the sort of film he himself wanted to see. A movie buff from early childhood, he was well up on Hollywood history, and adored many of the older stars, while he sould see the value of those who were not to his personal taste. His first film as a full producer, Take Me to Town (1953), starred Anne Sheridan; his second, All I Desire, made in the

ROSS HUNTER



Barbara starred Starnwyck. Both were directed by Douglas Sirk, a German emigre with a particular touch with glossy tearjerkers. Hunter and Sirk were to work together again on several of Hunter's biggest successes.

immediately, though, they collaborated, improbably, on a western, Taza Son of Cochise (1954), which helped to launch its young star Rock Hudson into superstar orbit. A different side of Fludson's talents was shown in the next film the Hunter/Sirk team made. Magnificent Obsession, a remake of the old melodrama about a playboy doctor (Hudson) who accidentally blinds a beautiful woman (Jane Wyman) and then reforms and personally operates to restore her sight. The tearning was repeated in All That Heaven Allows (1956), in which Wyman is a society widow who outrages conventional opinion by marrying Hudson, her gardener. Scoffers might say that this was hardly the most urgent issue around in 1956, but the public dutifully sniffled through it.

Clearly Hunter had his finger on the pulse of popular taste, and had no qualms about going well over the top in everything he did. The funeral of Lana Turner's black maid in *Imita*tion of Life (1959), the next teaming of Hunter and Sirk, was vastly bigger and more extravagant than in any of the previous versions, because Hunter reasoned that that was what everyone remembered from before. And he had no truck with the normal Hollywood procedure of ignoring those who had been stars and were stars no more.

He believed that it came from producers' fear of confronting their own mortality, and that it was



Ross Hunter, left, and above, Doris Day and Rock Hudson in Pillow Talk, 1959

Susan Hayward badly miscast, and

attempts at a television comeback,

including a mini-series called The

Moneychangers (1976) with Kirk

remake of Lost Horizon.

audience to use character actors to play roles like Doris Day's sophisticated aunt in Midnight Lace (1960) or Lana Turner's Chinese maid in Portrait in Black (1960) if you-had Myrna Loy or Anna May Wong ready and available.

Hunter's sense of the potentially popular guided him towards a number of successes unexpected by everyone except himself. Putting Doris Day and Rock Hudson together in Pillow Talk spawned a whole series of family comedies which understood perfectly how to be sufficiently naughty along with being overwhelmingly nice.

Hunter was the only one with the sense to put Julie Andrews back into the Twenties where she had so triumphed on stage in The Boy Friend for Thoroughly Modern Millie (1967). And, of course, he was the man who first saw the great potential of simply crowding a planeload of stars, past and present, together in an

port and just letting the sparks fly. another called The Best Place to Be (1978) with Helen Hayes and Donna Reed, landed with a dull thud. But common sense sometimes deserted him. Back Street (1961) with

Madame X (1966) with Lana Turner non of the last years of big studio proved to be two remakes too far. power. He knew well how to manipu-And then he was brought down by a late the casting of contract artistes species of folie de grandeur after the and to reanimate the old faithful gigantic success of Airport when he subjects his studio happened to control. He also had a unique empathy for the middlebrow tastes of determined to fulfil one of his ambitions by producing a musical Middle America - especially the feminine half of it. But by the To do this he had to change studios, as Columbia was not going beginning of the Seventies flowerpower, feminism, the permissive society and other such phenomena to release the rights of one of its alltime classics, and even though he commissioned a new score from Burt had begun to invade even his home Bacharach and assembled an ali-star territory. He was finally out of touch cast again, he was on alien territory with his audience and retreated into and effectively sabotaged his own unwilling, but relatively graceful, career. Consequently after 1973 he retirement. There were no doubt still never managed to make another those who hankered after his procinema movie, and his various claimed ideal of making "movies like

Hunter was very much a phenome-

just not enough of them to keep him

they don't make 'em any more", but

ROSWELL GILPATRIC

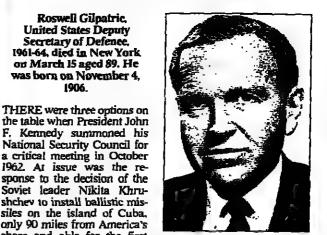
Roswell Gilpatric, United States Deputy Secretary of Defence 1961-64, died in New York on March 15 aged 89. He was born on November 4, 1906.

the table when President John F. Kennedy summoned his National Security Council for a critical meeting in October 1962. At issue was the response to the decision of the Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev to install ballistic missiles on the island of Cuba. only 90 miles from America's shore and able for the first time to threaten the heart of the United States. The fate of the world hung upon Kenne-dy's decision. With the fiasco of the Bay of Pigs invasion still fresh in his memory, the President was disinclined to seize the first option: a negotiated settlement through the agency of the United Nations. Aside from America's inherent distrust of the international body, Kennedy clearly felt that such a move would be interpreted as a sign of US weakness by the Soviet Union. He wanted to make a strong and unambiguous reply to what he saw as a flagrant threat to the United States.

This left two choices: an immediate airstrike on the missile bases under construction, followed by a full-scale invasion of Cuba; or the imposition of a naval blockade. Kennedy turned to his aides for advice. They were divided. McGeorge Bundy, the National Security Adviser. argued strongly in favour of an airstrike. The Defence Secretary. Robert McNamara, fearing that this might initiate a third world war, favoured a

blockade. It was at this point that Gilpatric, who seldom spoke up during such meetings, broke the impasse. "Essentially, Mr President," he said, "this is a choice between limited action and unlimited action, and most of us think that it's better to start with limited action."

Kennedy, who valued Gilpatric's calm judgment, finally nodded agreement. The blockade was imposed on October 22, 1962. Two days



missiles to Cuba turned back to their home ports, and within six days the crisis had been defused by Khrushchev's agreeing to demolish the Cu-

ban launching sites.
Roswell Leavitt Gilpatric, a Yale-educated lawyer with strong links with the defence industry, had entered government service as Assistant Secretary of the Air Force in 1951 under President Truman. He later became Under Secretary before returning to private life in 1953 when President Eisenhower captured the White House for the Republicans.

It was on Kennedy's personrecommendation that Gilpatric became Robert Mc-Namara's second-in-command in 1961, and the two men made an effective team. Gilpatric played an active role in Kennedy's reorganisation of the defence establishment, and continued to serve briefly under President Lyndon Johnson before retiring from the Administration in 1964. In the late 1960s Gilpatric made headline news as one of Jacqueline Kennedy's closest escorts. Intimate correspondence between the two came to light after she had married

Aristotle Onassis. Gilpatric subsequently became chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York from 1972 to 1975, and served as a trustee of New York University's Institute of Fine Arts, the New York Public Library and the Metropolitan Museum.

His first four marriages ended in divorce. He is survived by his fifth wife, Mimi, and by a son and two daughlater. Soviet ships carrying ters of his first marriag

MICHAEL BROWN

Michael Brown, architect and landscape architect. died on February 20 aged 72. He was born on May 8, 1923.

MICHAEL BROWN was a pioneering figure in the land-scape profession. In the heyday of the new towns in 1964, he was the landscape consultant to a team formed by Sir Hugh Wilson and Lewis Womersley to draw up proposals for the New Town of Redditch in Worcestershire. It was there that he was able to develop his philosophies of design based on ecological principles. Innovatory aspects such as the retention of the existing landscape pattern of woodland and hedgerow, the use of topography to determine the town form, and the utilisation of watercourses were central to his overall concept of a new town.

He was born in Edinburgh and trained as an architect at the Edinburgh College of Art. He qualified in 1951, after wartime service partly in India. His early career was spent in the London County Council schools division, and then in a private practice in London. In 1955 he was awarded a scholarship to the department of landscape at the University of Pennsylvania, where he came under the influence of Ian McHarg, as did many other young landscape architects of his generation. McHarg's strongly ecological approach to landscape issues inspired



Brown, and encouraged him to follow an holistic approach to environmental planning, based on biological principles. Brown then worked in the office of Dan Kiley in Ver-

mont, another giant in the landscape world. Projects in-cluded the Saarinen House in Ohio and the Rockefeller Institute in New York. He returned to Pennsylvania to teach with McHarg before returning to Britain with his wife Joan, to raise his family, with the hopes of leading an idyllic country life in Oxfordshire. Country life, however, was not to be, and the family settled in London, where Brown worked initially for Sir Eric Lyons, the architect behind Span's innovative Modernist designs in London. Brown set up his own

practice in 1962. This practice grew rapidly and by the mid-1970s was one of the largest landscape offices centre in Devon on ecology.

sustainability, yoga and Buddhism — all related to landscape design.
On his retirement from

practice in the early 1990s, Brown bought a home in the Cotswolds, and concentrated on the idea of sustainability. He advocated, preached, and lectured on an holistic approach to environmental design and planning, with a particular emphasis on the need to develop a biological basis for sustainable planning. He promoted the notion of building sustainable settlements and in this connection was invited, in 1992, by the Tibetan government in exile, to visit settlements in northern India with a view to assisting in settlement design.

Brown's 70th birthday was marked by a gathering at his home. Touchstone, in the Cotswolds, where all activities were centred around the yurt a primitive nomadic dwelling tent, which a Cotswold craftsman had built on his

During his busy years in practice, Brown did not have much time for writing books. He did, however, contribute to the Urban Landscape Handbook in 1972, and in 1983 to City Landscape. His last publication was a privately circulated article — Ideas for a Sustainable Village — and its relevance for a rapidly chang-

ing world. Brown's marriage ended in divorce, and he leaves his daughter and two sons.

Aled Earnes, maritime historian, died on March 8 aged 74. He was born on July 29, 1921.

IN HIS lectures, delivered with verve, words tumbling forth in profusion, Aled Earnes encouraged the descendants of mariners to seek out letters and photographs from trunks and drawers, thus enriching maritime studies with a goodly haul of first-hand testimony. He had the knack of drawing out from even tacitum sea captains in the twilight of their days valuable nuggets of information which might otherwise have been forever lost

He never descended into mere anecdotage but wove his narrative into a scholarly whole. In Wales he was a pioneer of the systematic study of maritime history and his many works are valued be-yond these shores.

Aled Eames was educated at John Bright's School, Llandudno, and at the University College of North Wales, Bangor, where he graduated with a first in history. After brief periods in the British Council and as a schoolmaster, he returned to his old college as a lecturer in education. He was for 20 years a notable warden of Neuadd Reichel, the men's hall of residence. He had an easy rapport with students. whose interests he tirelessly championed. But by the late 1960s it was clear that his consuming passion was the

HULKS AND CONVICT PRISONS

The reference in Her Majesty's Speech to the

subject of improving the administration of the prisons, and effecting thereby a relief to local burdens, suggests an inquiry into the course of

events which gradually led to the Government

charging itself with the cost and, as an

ultimate consequence, assuming the control of

the mode of carrying out sentences of transportation was exceedingly simple. Either

the criminals transported themselves, or else

they were handed over to a contractor, who

engaged to transport them to America or

elsewhere, on condition of retaining for

himself, his heirs and assigns, a property in

their services during the period of their sentences. The contractor realised his profit by

selling the convicts by auction, and sometimes

he evaded his bargain by setting them free on

payment of a sum of money. Messrs. Stephenson and Randolf, the great con-tractors, alleged that by reason of the mortality, due to the wretched condition to

which the prisoners were reduced during their

stay in the local prisons before being handed

over to them, they sometimes lost immensely by the transaction, and on this account, as

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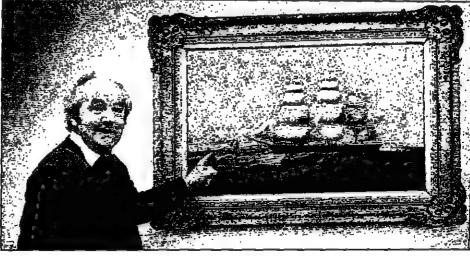
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penal establishments . .

study of seafaring, for which he was admirably equipped,
Brought up in Llandudno,
he had often heard tales of the

Day which was for him a kind of St Crispin's Day. His intimate knowledge of the sea in all her moods was indispensable, as was at once

ALED EAMES



sea and early learnt to distinguish between "salts" who were genuine and those who were not. During the war it was inevitable that he should join the Royal Navy. As a young officer he took part in the Normandy landings and was twice mentioned in dispatches. He was distressed and frustrated that a cruel illness prevented him from participating in the 1994 50th anniversary celebration of D-

evident in his first substantial

volume, Ships and Seamen of Anglesey (1973) and in its successor, Porthmadog Ships (1975), a study of those lovely, outstanding ships which sailed to all parts of the world.

His researches in the Gwynedd archives were further broadened when he was elected in 1981 to the Caird fellowship at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, thus strengthening his links with Basil Greenhill, Robin Craig and other experts. He soon detected similarities between northwest Wales and other maritime communities, in Scandinavia, the northeastern seaboard of America and

elsewhere. In Ventures in Sail (1987), another major work, he drew attention to the fleets of Welsh Liverpool. He took easily to radio and television. In 1986 he presented the BBC2 series of films Tradewinds, in co-operation

ship managers based in

with Canadian and Finnish television, which were much acclaimed, as was a series in Welsh. Fortune did not always smile upon him, but even in dark days he had an unquenchable sense of fun which delighted his family and a wide circle of friends. For two years he looked death from cancer in the eye.

He was twice married, first to Hazel (née Phillips), by whom he had two daughters. and secondly to Freda (née Cale), by whom he had one son and two daughters; all survive him.

Appointments

The Rev Glyn Holland, Vicar. Ferrybridge, St Andrew (Wake-field): to be Vicar of All Saints'. Middlesbrough (York). The Rev Roger Kenward, now temporary Priest-in-Charge.

(Chichester). The Rev David Marshall, Curate, Holy Spirit, Dovecot, and Diocesan Communications Officer: to be Priest-in-charge, St James, Westbrook (Liverpool).

Chiddingly w. East Hoathly

The Rev Jonathan Mortimer, Curate, St Matthew's, Rugby (Coventry): to be Curate, Southgate (Chichester).

The Rev Michael Oates, Assistant Curate, Enfield St Andrew (London): to be Team Vicar. Oakdale St George Team Ministry (Salisbury).

The Rev Graham Pacey. Assistant Curate, Kirkleatham: to be Vicar of St Agnes, Middleshrough (York). The Rev John Poole, Priest-in-Charge, Couered with Broadfield and Throcking (St Albans): to be Chaplain of the Church of the Resurrection, Bucharest (Europe).

Church news

The Rev Clive Porthouse, Vicar, St Peter w Christ Church and St Matthew, Southborough (Rochester): to be also an Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral. The Rev James Potter, Vicar, St Leonard, Dordon (Birmingham);

to be also an Honorary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral The Rev Susan Proctor, Team Vicar, Aston cum Aughton w Swallownest, Todwick and Ully: to be Rector, Dinnington (Sheffield). The Rev Dr John Railton, Vicar, Bridgemary (Portsmouth): to be Team Rector, Ridgeway Team

Ministry (Salisbury). The Rev Kenneth Reeve, Curate, Thorpe Hamlet, Norwich: Priestin Charge, All Saints'. South Lynn (Norwich).

The Rev Dr Peter Sedgwick, formerly Vice-Principal of Westcott House, Cambridge: now Assistant Secretary, Board for Social Responsibility, Church House, The Rev Martin Seeley, Secretary

for Continuing Ministerial Education, and Selection Secretary, Advisory Board of Ministry. Church House, Westminster: to be Vicar, Christ Church w St John and St Luke's, isle of Dogs

in the country, employing

around twenty staff. Many

aspiring landscape architects

worked for Brown, lowly paid, but motivated by his convic-tion that the health of the

planet and the quality of life

could be greatly enhanced by

landscape design. Notable ex-

amples of his work during this

period were the Brunel Estate

at Paddington, Beavers Farm at Hounslow, and the huge

Graham Park Estate on the

site of the old Hendon Aero-

drome. Brown went on lecture

tours, published papers, and

took on teaching work at universities in Britain, Ameri-

Commissions began to di-

minish in the early 1980s,

however, with the reduction in

the public housing pro-

gramme, and the reorganisat-

ion of the London boroughs.

Brown then set up a study

ca and Canada.

(London). The Rev Andrew Sewell, Curate, Adel: to be Curate of Far Headingley and part-time Assis-tant Diocesan Missioner (Ripon). The Rev Neil Short, Curate, St Augustine, Undercliffe (Bradford): to be Vicar, St John, Burscough

Bridge (Liverpool). The Rev Graham Smith, Royal Navy Chaplain: Curate, Henfield (Chichester). The Rev Howard Stoker, Curate, Hessle (York): Curate of Richmond

w Hudswell and Curate in Charge, Downholme and Marske (Ripon). The Rev Stephen Tucker, Chaplain and Dean of Divinity, New College, Oxford: Priest-in-Charge, Oxingdean, and Diocesan Continuing Ministerial Education Officer

The Rev Timothy Ward, Curate, St Paul, Dorking (Guildford): to be Curate, StSaviour, Herne Hill (Southwark).

The Rev Harold Webb, Chaplain for the Royal Association in Aid of Deaf People in Surrey (Guildford): to be Vicar, Roade and Ashion v Hartwell (Peterborough).

The Rev Kate Ricketts, Chaplain Birmingham Children's Hospital: to be also an Honorary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral. The Rev Richard Wells, Vicar. Milford: to be Rector, Westbourne

The Rev Keith West, Curate of Rawmarsh w Parkgate (Sheffield): to be Curate, St Mary, Armley w New Wortley (Ripon). The Rev Edward Wilkinson. Priest-in-Charge, Newbottle, Houghton-le-Spring: to be Vicar of that benefice (Durbam).

(Chichester).

Resignations and retirements The Rev Roger Chamberlain Vicar, St Cyprian, Hay Mills (Birmingham): to resign April 22. The Rev John Selvini, Vicar, Goldenhill (Lichfield): to resign

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ON THIS DAY

March 18, 1876

After American independence, prisoners sentenced to transportation could no longer be dispatched across the Atlantic and, for a

time, it became the practice to employ the hulks told wooden vessels); later a convict settlement was established at Botany Bay in the demand for labour in the Colonies, it became necessary to pay the contractors a certain sum — sometimes about £5 — per head

in addition to the property in the services of the convicts. A considerable number of persons sentenced to transportation evidently remained in the local prisons for at least a large part of their sentences, and it is likely enough that many were never sent abroad at all ... John Howard, the prison reformer, makes reference to the heavy expense the transports were to the local authorities before the Act of 1776, which was passed to legalise the use of hulks as places for carrying out sentences for

offences heretofore punishable by transportation when the removal of these offenders to America was no longer possible. This Act ... provided, "as a temporary measure," that criminals sentenced to transportation, or whose sentences of death were commuted, might be sent to hulks, seven years' transportation being replaced by from one to five years in the hulks, and 14 years' transportation by seven years in the hulks ...

The experience as to professional in comparison with amateur superintendence of prisons does not seem to have been realized in 1842, when Pentonville Prison was opened, for the Act of Parliament which provided for its management enacted that it should be placed under Commissioners, not more than 11 nor less than seven, to be appointed by the Secretary of State, and to have the powers of Visiting Justices and certain other duties, with

control over all appointments ... in 1850 the long series of Acts of parliament which provided for the government of the Prisons in which persons sentenced to transportation or any corresponding punishment might be confined was brought to an end by "an Act for the better Government of Convict Prisons", which may be pronounced successful in that it has lasted unaltered for upwards of a

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

The Queen leads day of mourning

The Queen conveyed the thoughts of an entire nation yesterday when she visited Dunblane to meet parents and families of the 16 children and their teacher who died in last Wednesday's school massacre.

In a private 15-minute meeting in the city, the Queen, accompanied by the Princess Royal, was visibly moved as she told 30 of the bereaved of the grief and profound sympathy felt for them by the entire country...... Pages 1, 3, 16, 17

Mellor heads campaign for handgun ban

The Government faced increasing calls from MPs for a total ban on handguns in the wake of the Dunblane tragedy. The demands were led by David Mellor, the former Home Office Minister, who is seeking an early amendment to outlaw the type of weapons used by the mass killer.....

Uncertain Bruno

Frank Bruno flew home to an uncertain future after his thirdround defeat by Mike Tyson in the WBC heavyweight championship in Las Vegas on Saturday. The reverse was so conclusive that it left Bruno with little future In boxing...... Pages 1, 21, 22

Dambusters order

The original battle order for the Dambusters' raid on Germany in May 1943 is to be auctioned shortly in London...

Clarke stays on

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will not resign if the Cabinet endorses a referendum on a single European currency, despite his opposition to a poll, Malcolm Rifkind, Foreign Secretary, said............Pages 2, 16

Spring optimism

Dick Spring. Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, expressed optimism that the IRA would restore Its ceaselire to allow Sinn Fein to join all-party talks in Northern Ireland in June....

Powell denial

General Colin Powell sought to quash a new wave of speculation that he would run for vice-president with Bob Dole Page 9

Fishing tales

Cornish trawlermen gave the EU Fisheries Commissioner the rough edge of their tongues when she visited NewlynPage 4

Chinese warning

Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister, warned the United States not to send warships into the Taiwan Strait, where China plans to start a new round of military exercises today Page 10 Brightness at night

The brightest comet for 20 years should be visible to the naked eye before the end of the week, astronomers are predicting Page 7

Iran at the centre

Yassir Arafat. President of the Palestinian Authority, has for the first time openly singled out Iran as being behind the Islamic suicide attacks in Israel......Page II Cooks' tours

Tired and frustrated by the pressures of a humdrum existence, an army of bankers, City traders, journalists and salesmen are seeking celebrity and self-fulfilment in the heat and bustle of the restaurant kitchen Pages 6, 17

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Students with extreme political or religious views will be barred from standing for full-time representative posts under a code of practice being negotiated between vice-chancellors and the students' unionPage 5

Partition fear

Fleeing Serbs set fire to Sarajevo's main market, raising fears that Bosnia-Herzegovina is hurtling towards partitionPage 8

We really are trying to put you through

■ There are two ways of acquiring a telephone in India: pay through the nose or wait about a decade. The Delhi bureau of The Times has acquired a second line. The new telephone gave a triumphant first ring last week and died. This will be rectified by the local lineman, who extracts backsheek from subscrib ers who know the futility of lodging complaints



Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother with members of the 1st Battalion Irish Guards at Chelsea Barracks, London, yesterday, where she presented them with her annual gift of shamrock in celebration of St Patrick's Day

BUSINESS

Postal strike: The Royal Mail could be just weeks off strike action after an apparent breakdown of the relationship between the management and the main union over new working practices Page 40

Share Issue: The Abbey National, still visibly pained over the mess that accompanied its stock market flotation almost seven years ago, is making strenuous efforts to prevent a recurrence later this

Power play: A large stake in South Western Electricity has been put up Page 40 Paper offer: Mohamed Al Fayed's

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The legless bear

The West's goal is a democratic Russia; but this election looks less and less like a straight contest between democratic reformers and

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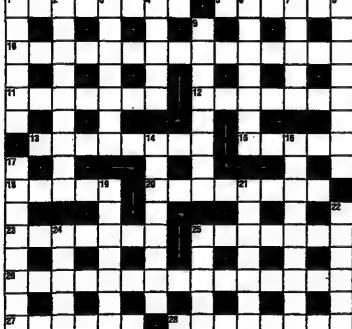
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Tyson, right, finds a way through Bruno's defences during the second round of the bout in which he took the world title from the Briton at the MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas. Photograph: Jeff Haynes Nervous Briton felled by Tyson's ferocious onslaught

Bruno's world taken apart

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN **BOXING CORRESPONDENT** IN LAS VEGAS

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NE SESSE

ONCE again Frank Bruno is faced with the question of retirement. Twice he has come close to it after defeat: seven years ago, when he lost in five rounds to Mike Tyson, and then in 1993, when he was stopped by Lennox Lewis in seven. Now. after being brutally swept aside in three rounds again by Tyson here on Saturday, it must be clear to him that there is no longer any point in carrying on. This time, it is thought, he will see sense and quit.

He is going to think about his future for another 24 hours but he and his wife, Laura, who manages him, must realise that there is nothing left to fight for. Immediately after the bout he said: "I'm not making a decision yet. I'm going to chill out with my family. I've got things to do and then I'll go and think about my future. I need 24 hours to sit down and relax. I don't want to make any hasty decisions." He must have had retirement on his mind when he added: "When I was champion, I fought Mike Tyson.

That'll look good on my CV." At 34, neither his nerves nor his reflexes can handle the pressures of heavyweight boxing at the level to which he has been accustomed. The bout with Tyson made that amply clear because he lost the contest in his dressing-room. He was nervous. From the moment he set off on his long walk to the ring, and for most of the contest, he appeared apprehen-sive. He crossed himself 13 times or more on leaving his dressing-room and three times before the start of the bout. He then had to resort constant-

ly to holding to survive. After 14 years of campaigning, he does not have enough left in the tank to continue, but he has more than enough in the bank. After taking

has distinguished himself in boxing and now it is time for him to go. Because his immense strength refuses to allow him to go down when badly hurt or semi-conscious, in all his five defeats — by James "Bonecrusher" Smith, Tim Witherspoon, Lewis and Tyson — he has taken more blows than the average boxer does in being stopped. He could be courting irreparable harm if

he carries on. The final blows he took from Tyson shocked even the more bloodthirsty ringsiders who had come to see Tyson take him apart rather than just take his World Boxing Council belt. Mills Lane, the referee, whose shirt was still splattered with Bruno's blood at the post-fight press conference, said: "He was in real trouble and Tyson was on him. It could not have gone on. He got hit with some big punches, 12 or 13 unanswered."

The last moments were electrifying

nearly £5 million this time he is a much for Bruno's inability to do millionaire many times over. Bruno anything about the onslaught that was engulfing him as for the realisation that Tyson was back. Even if Tyson has not yet regained his old fluency, he is even faster now than he seven years ago, when he first met Bruno. He was 15st 8lb then and just 2lb more this time at the MGM Grand Garden arena.

At the bell for the third round

Bruno's future David Miller ..

Tyson did not launch his usual twohanded attack; he cut his way through with a jab that was so quick that the arm was a blur. Once inside Bruno's defences he dug a right into Bruno's ribs that lent leverage to the left that followed it.

As Bruno wondered where the next blow was coming from, another left hook exploded in his face, then a

Tyson savours victory as Mills Lane, the referee, goes to Bruno's aid after calling a halt to proceedings

right and another right. Bruno began to totter. A right uppercut wrenched his head back. Tyson, who was still in full flow, unleashed another upper-

cut that just grazed his face. As Bruno's arms waved about to no purpose, another right uppercut left him helpless and a left hook threw him against the ropes. Tyson missed with a couple of punches as Bruno started falling. Lane quickly intervened and, as Bruno sank helplessly against the ropes, the referee removed his gum shield to

help his breathing. As the majority of the capacity crowd of 15,000 cheered wildly, Tyson turned to the side where most of the British supporters were seated and, turning his palms outward, shrugged his shoulders as if to say: "See, it was so easy." Then, once he had his belt round his waist, he climbed through the ropes and stood on the apron of the ring. Facing the crowd, he thumped his belt and said with a sneer on his face: "Mine!" It

a point in the second. Not surprisingly, as a result of Bruno's spoiling tactics his left eye sustained a severe gash, which had to be attended to in hospital. Although the overall impression might be that the bout was one-sided and that Bruno made little attempt to make a fight of it, I did not quite see it like that. I thought Bruno's second round was a good one, as he redeemed his miserable showing in the first with

was a clear message to all other heavyweights that he intended to give

Bruno's performance was a disap-

pointment. He seemed to be so

overcome by nerves that he was

hardly able to stick to his game-plan

of keeping his jab in Tyson's face, even though the challenger's head

was an easy target and well within range. All Bruno could do from the

first round was keep enveloping the

smaller man in his arms. Lane gave

him a couple of warnings but Bruno

disregarded them and was penalised

them the same treatment.

some good toe-to-toe exchanges. It was an explosive round and Tyson did not get off lightly. Indeed, he was caught with a left hook and three beautiful uppercuts as he came in. Bruno scored with another left hook and a right and the round might have been even had he not been penalised. Bruno's success with the uppercut may have made Tyson change tactics in the next round, when he used the jab to pierce Bruno's defence and then his speed to overwhelm him.

Now it is up to Lewis to retrieve the title for Britain. He will get his chance in September as the mandatory challenger. What Tyson will do in the meantime is not clear. As Lewis has just won a legal battle, Tyson's lawyers will have to sort out the ramifications before he can box again. Don King, Tyson's promoter, still expects him to be back in the ring



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McManus holds on

to end barren spell

ALAN McMANUS, without a tournament victory since the

Dubai Classic of October 1994, ended that drought by winning the Thailand Open snooker title in Bangkok last

night with a dramatic 9-8 victory over Ken Doherty (Phil

Yates writes). McManus began the stronger, building a 5-3 first-session lead while Doherty registered only one run of

any significance, a 76 in the sixth frame. Doherty's scoring

touch returned on the resumption, however, as he drew level

McManus failed to pot a single ball in the opening two

frames of the evening and seemed destined to lose the next

Boxing's all-night feast leaves bitter aftertaste

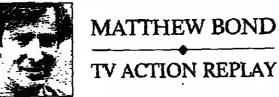
only one to get his tactics the killer question — why wrong on Saturday didn't you try punching him. night. All my training — the early morning starts for World Cup cricket, the late night finish for the Australian Grand Prix - counted for nothing. I may be able to talk a good telly night but, at the end of the day, it's the result that counts and, like Big Frank. I I saw the fight — all El.42 a

minute of it - but there was no real conviction to the way 1 stumbled into the living room at 3.30am, no real power behind that normally rocksolid jab at the remote controls. I was out on my feet which, I suppose, was one up

Two hours later, our defeated champion was typically gracious in defeat, as Ian Darke ducked and weaved

Frank? It did not really matter though. Bruno was giving the same answer to all Darke's questions. "He beat me fair and square, Mr Darke I just want to say sorry to all those people in Britain who paid their £10 and waited up late at night. I did my best." Once again, it proved impossible to be cross with Bruno for very

long. Yet, as dawn broke, it proved very easy to stay cross with other people. I was cross with Don King, because he managed to get his face in just about every shot (the main perk, presumably, of owning host broadcaster. Don King Productions) and because his Las Vegas card was running



4am start time fell into the category of worth staying up for. By contrast, the eventually-delivered 5am start meant one thing only - get an early night and set the alarm. Getting these practicalities right is vital and I got mine wrong - thanks to Joe Bugner and Naseem Hamed, whose combined efforts (two punches, both thrown by Hamed) had not only made me miss Match of The Day but sent me briefly and crossly to

Most of all, however, I was

cross with Darke for introducing the main event as "probably Britain's biggest sporting moment since England won

the World Cup in 1966". Then again Ian, probably not. Up until then, the BSkyB commentary team had done a

good job of not getting carried away with the hype. The ringside pairing that had the most fun were Steve Holdsworth and Nicky Piper, who were in Germany for Bugner against Scott Welch. To their considerable credit, they manged to take the fight

seriously for two rounds, but by round three the giggles had set in. Loathe as he had been to criticise "a national icon" such as Bugner, Piper eventually calculated that "you can count the decent punches that he has thrown on one finger and I'm at pains to remember which

finger that might be". We left them with Holdsworth asking: "What is an intercontinental championship anyway. Nicky?" Up in Scotland, the excellent

Jim Watt made his satellite debut alongside the ubiquitous Simon Reed. Together, they did about as good a job as you could with a fight that effectively lasted one punch. Watt rightly pointed out that you could not expect the paying public to accept much more of that sort of thing and Reed did a first-class job of keeping Hamed's rampaging

post-fight interview. I went to bed wondering whether pay-per-punch might be the future, rather than pay-per-view.

Three hours later, I was back, woken by the gentle burt of Paul Dempsey, perhaps the least-likely anchor man in television, but who, barring the odd stumble or two, did a first-class job during his all-night stint in the presenter's chair and got the best from a well-picked trio of studio guests - Barry McGuigan (who continues to improve with age). Duke McKenzie and Gary Mason. After the fight, they were depressed and divided - uncertain whether it had all gone wrong from the opening bell or from Tyson's first right

hand. The difference was a

miserable ten seconds. It had

been a long night.

when he trailed 51-12, but Doherty snookered himself to end a 51 break. McManus stole the frame on the black and moved 7-5 ahead only for Doherty to respond by winning the thirteenth frame with an 85 break, the fourteenth on the yellow and the fifteenth with a well-crafted 71. However, McManus took the match its full distance, winning the decider with a nerveless last red-to-pink clearance.

Graf comes through

at 5-5 with contributions of 83 and 89.

TENNIS: Steffi Graf overcame heat and a below-par performance to defeat Conchita Martinez 7-6, 7-6 in the final of the State Farm Evert Cup in California. Graf, the top seed, was playing her first tournament since undergoing foot

surgery in December.

Cedric Pioline, of France, beat Kenneth Carlsen, of Denmark, 6-2, 7-6 in the final of the ATP men's tennis tournament in Copenhagen yesterday.

Time-trial triumph

CYCLING: Chris Boardman won the final time-trial but could not prevent Laurent Jalabert, of France, from claiming overall victory in the Paris-Nice classic yesterday. Jalabert beat Lance Armstrong, of the United States, by 43 seconds in the week-long 828-mile race with Boardman, who clocked 21min 16sec over the concluding 12.5-mile time-trial to Antibes, a further four seconds behind in third place.

Horner falls in final

SQUASH: Suzanne Horner, right, of Wakefield. yesterday failed to capitalise on defeating the world champion, Michelle Martin, of Australia, for the first time in the semi-finals of the Abshot Women's Open at Abshot Country Club on Saturday. Horner, 33, who beat Martin 9-5, 2-9, 9-5, 9-6 in 42 minutes, lost in straight sets 9-4, 9-4, 9-1 to Sarah FitzGeraid, the Australian world No 2, in the final yesterday.



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Wasps win again

ICE HOCKEY: At the halfway stage of the British championship play-offs, Durham Wasps are the only team with a 100 per cent record after their 3-2 win over Cardiff Devils. Basingstoke Bison top their group, having dropped only one point in three games, but Sheffield Steelers are the form team. Their 8-0 win over Nottingham Panthers saw Wayne Cowley gain his second successive shutout.

Eight lead the way

ROWING: The Great Britain squad eight, stroked by Miriam Batten, the world championship bronze medal winner, stormed to a conclusive victory in the Women's Head on Saturday. Starting first of the 237 crews, the internationals moved steadily away from the starting pack and finished just ten seconds outside the record, in spite of rowing into a headwind in the final mile.

Perry springs surprise

TABLE TENNIS: Alex Perry, 19, of Crediton, sprang a big surprise in the second round of the men's singles at the English national championships in Brighton yesterday. beating Desmond Douglas 19-21, 21-17, 21-16, 21-17 to reach the quarter-finals. However, Perry was then himself beaten in the semi-finals by Alan Cooke, who went on to challenge

Snow retains title

REAL TENNIS: Julian Snow retained the British Land National amateur championship when he beat Mark Howard 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 in the final at Hampton Court. Snow won the first set comfortably before Howard found his length on the lively court. Howard reached 4-4 in the second and third sets, only for Snow to raise his game, reduce his errors and lay several ultra-short chases to clinch the title.

KNOCK DOWN

No challenger looks capable of standing in the way of new champion

Awesome Tyson offers chill warning

From David Miller in LAS VEGAS

NOT since Joe Louis defeated Jersey Joe Walcott for the second time, in his 25th de-fence of the world title in 1948. has heavyweight boxing looked so short of a credible challenger. Mike Tyson, ferocious and single-minded, again stands supreme, still

It may be that three years of incarceration has not, after all, diminished him but brought, in conjunction with his Muslim faith, a mental maturity. From the moment that the two fighters entered the ring here on Saturday, it was Tyson, not Frank Bruno, who carried the aura of champion. Yet any celebration of

Tyson's recapture of the World Boxing Council title must be measured against the pitiful surrender of the defender. It was an embarrassment to be British as Bruno, without ideas, instinct and, sadly, even courage, was swept aside by an avalanche of blows from Tyson, delivered with bewildering speed and variety.

"I'm not yet at my best," Tyson insisted afterwards. "I still have room for improvement. I will improve." Heaven help those who may seek to stand in his way, including Lennox Lewis, his possible

Tyson has lost only once in against Buster Douglas in 1990 when his life, as opposed to his career, was starting to fall apart. It is difficult now to see who might halt this fighter who once again exhibited not just an element of iron in his

fists, but in willoower. From the opening bell, he flew at Bruno in a frighteningly controlled rage, landing the first blow within seconds. Bruno, who has never known where to go when seriously

attacked, instantly looked as out of place as a choirboy caught in a bar brawl. There were better punches than Bruno's being thrown in the MGM Arena by some of his distillusioned supporters, who handcuffs.

It is not exaggerating to say that Tyson was awesome: first. calmly standing in the ring awaiting the action, dark eyes smouldering, so different from Bruno's nervous, affected flexing of neck and jaw muscles. and then the swiftness of Tyson's execution of an opponent four inches taller but dwarfed in resolution. An attendant said of Bruno that he had never seen a boxer look so frightened.

Bruno stood in the middle of the ring jabbing ineffectually, while Tyson weaved around him, coming in under Bruno's lead and swatting him almost at will. Before the end of the first round, Bruno's left eye was cut, he was hanging on for dear life, and the forecast of the veteran trainer, Johnny Tocco, was being fulfilled. "Stand still, and he's a dead

Tyson was understandably jubilant. "I was just throwing caution to the wind," he said, having embraced his swarming official entourage in a way back to the dressing room. "My objective was just to throw punches, throw punches, to bring him down." He did that with a final staccato rattle of nine blows in as many seconds less than a

minute into the third round. What must surely be the end of Bruno's career would have come even earlier had he not desperately clung to his opponent in pathetic clinches, woodenly failing to exploit the



A snarling Tyson turns to the crowd to indicate that he has reclaimed the world title belt as his own property

odd occasion when Tyson was openly exposed to an upper-cut. When Louis, in 1940. fought the little-known but appropriately named Johnny Paycheck, allegedly a fast mover. Louis had said that he might be able to run but he would have nowhere to hide. Indeed, the dejected hulk of Bruno, a swiftly discredited champion who had arrived in town puffed up by hollow bravado, could not even run.

A poll beforehand of commentators gathered in Las Vegas had accurately pro-

Murray, of The Los Angeles Times, had called Bruno "an imposter" while Ed Schuyler. of Associated Press, had shrewdly observed: "While Tyson may not be what he was, Bruno is" - a stilted, big man with no defence.

Bruno was a lost soul, mentally knocked out while still vertical, from the moment Tyson landed two rights in the first 20 seconds. "He's on to you like a harbour shark." the shattered Bruno said. truthfully. "He doesn't give you time to jab." Untrue. Bruno was merely simply too ponderous and emptily claimed: "I was trying to slow him down and use my weight." A king-sized mattress would have done the ìob as well. Speed as much as power

was always the key to Tyson's dominance, and the speed appears to be unimpaired. How can Lewis. Riddick Bowe, or anyone else contend with this whirlwind? When Bruno did momentarily catch him with a couple of groping uppercuts. Tyson came through them as though they were no more than moths hitting a car windscreen.

Maybe the former adolescent hoodlum from Browns-

ville. New York, lovingly re orientated by Cus D'Amato. has come through the traumas of the death of his mother Lorna, his sister Denise, D'Amato and then his manager Jim Jacobs; through the disasters of a first marriage and then imprisonment, to become man instead of

If the millstone of the Don King circus does not sink him, the responsibility of family and genuine charitable interests might after all lead him to the dignified retirement no one would have predicted five

Time for Hamed to face true test

duced forecasts 40-5 in Tyson's

favour. The respected Jim

NASEEM HAMED had planned to throw the "perfect right" to prove that his career had never been jeopardised by the fractured hand that had kept him out of the ring for six months, the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight champion claimed after finishing his title defence against an unsatisfactory opponent in near-record time in Glasgow on Saturday night. There is no doubt that the first punch of the contest. a

hooking uppercut which the

Harned camp believes broke the nose of Said Lawal, was a

powerful blow, which put the

challenger down. Two further

rights, which prompted the

referee to end the bout in

the 35th second of the first round of the contest, after the Nigerian had risen unsteadily from the knockdown, hardly seemed necessary. However, Britain's most ex-

citing boxer was never going to further his career against the Austria-based Nigerian. who was known to be of limited ability, despite having won 17 of his 19 bouts. From the moment that

Hamed appeared at the Scottish Exhibition Centre, rising on a platform with his name illuminated in flares behind him, until his trademark somersault over the top rope and into the ring 14 minutes later. Lawai, staring at the canvas. looked overwhelmed and inrimidated, Even when Harned strode to the challenger's corner to "eyeball" him. Lawai looked away.
It is difficult, however, to

fault Hamed. He carried out a

first-class demolition job on the opposition put in front of him. The 22-year-old Briton says he will take at least three bouts this year against titleholders, one probably being Tom Johnson, the International Boxing Federation champion, though he added: "Tonight wasn't about the opponent you could have put Azumah Nelson the powerful World Boxing Council super-featherweight champion] in there and he would have gone down. Those shots are too strong. I'll

Indeed, the outstanding balance and timing of Hamed

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punch that reaches far beyond his natural weight division. inole helieves that his boxer has the ability to span several divisions, collecting world titles. Hamed may well possess the skills to do so and, if he does, now is the time to bring on the likes of the durable Mexicans, Daniel Zaragosa and Marco Antonio Вагтега.

In Berlin, Joe Bugner. 46, declared he was retiring for sixth round by Scott Welch, 27, the British and Commonwealth champion, for the WBO intercontinental title. "There's no question, this is the end of the story," Bugner said. Clearly overweight, Bugner offered little resistance

Billington boosts Atlanta aspirations

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH, HOLLAND

HUGO SIMON, of Austria, won his second Volvo World Cup showjumping qualifier in as many weeks when he and Apricot relegated the home crowd's favourite. Eric van der Vleuten on Vink Especiale, to second place by 0.26sec in front of the packed Brabanthalle arena

Geoff Billington, one of the leading contenders for the British team for Atlanta, gave his Olympic chances a timely boost when he and It's Otto, who was competing in his first big competition since the leg injury he sustained six

months ago, finished in third place after a superb performance against the clock. "He felt fantastic - as good as ever." Billington said afterwards. He had hoped to jump him in the World Cup qualifier in Dortmund last week but Marc Suls, the Dutch vet who has been treating the ten-year-old gelding for the

past two months, said it was too soon. Drawn third in the 13-horse jump-off. Billington was not short of advice. None of the other Britons in the class - Nick Skelton, Michael and John Whitaker, and Di Lampard - had reached the jump-off. All applied themselves instead to helping Billington. "John told me exactly how to ride the course - he always does," Billington said.

It's Otto underlined his scope with two superb jumps off corners into the big oxers at fences two and four. Although Billington failed to miss out a stride on the approach to the final sence - as advised by Whitaker - he roared home in 30.05sec.

Van der Vleuten took the more economical route and accordingly finished in 28.27sec to the joy of the home crowd, who prepared to acclaim him as the winner. But Simon, 53, the winner in Dortmund on ET, once again showed his timeless skills against the clock with another bravura performance, finishing

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Richards inspires drive to championship after Carling's departure through injury

Rebuilt England enjoy home rule Positive signs



Sleightholme completes his powerful run by sliding in for the try that crowned England's victory over Ireland and their five nations' championship campaign

reland By David Hands

THE praise for England's five nations' championship season may be littered with provisos but the achievement is very real. They started amid a sense of anti-climax engendered by the World Cup last summer and ended at Twickenham on Saturday as triplecrown winners and, courtesy of Wales, championship win-

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

Those who denigrate their success look at their championship aggregate of 79 points and say that 64 came from Paul Grayson's kicking skills. England scored a mere three tries, compared with ten by France, six each by Wales and treland, and five from Scotland, who were relegated to second place on points

ners to boot.

Yet listen to Murray Kidd on the subject of England's championship. They have been much maligned for the way they have played the game." the Ireland coach said. "They had a difficult match with France, which they lost. Wales are on the up and, as a coach. I would have been pleased to have read the tactics in the Scottish game as well as

"If we had had a win like

ecstatic. They are a very strong side and, in my opinion, have been criticised unfairly. There is a certain amount of arrogance in people thinking that England should win comfortably playing pretty rugby. There are no easy-beats in the championship.

If Ireland do not renew Kidd's contract in the summer, then Jack Rowell might have him as a media relations officer. At no stage this season have England found, or been able to create, the space they need to play an expansive game, and there is no dishonour in then reverting to

a style that wins matches. From such victories confidence comes and builds such players as Lawrence Daliaglio and Jon Sleightholme, the England discoveries of the

Sleightholme's try, with only three minutes remaining. was important to the team to reinforce its belief in the art of light of a season which, for no country, has been entirely satisfactory and in that respect the denouement on Saturday was appropriate, a mixture of might and mediocrity before the news from Cardiff left England holding all the avail-

land have become the reference point for the championship, still ahead of France despite the defeats in Paris in January and Pretoria six

The fact remains that Eng-





months earlier. That makes for a certain tension which is hardly creative when six players are finding their feet in the international arena and, in ireland team which looked as well organised as Dean Richards, whose judg-

ment on such matters is sound, believes this to be one of the most improved Ireland teams he has played against. They have concentrated specifically on buttoning up their midfield defence, and on their lineout, and it showed as England threw themselves into a game of movement

which, while welcome, was far

striving to bring his team

evel, as Grayson was for 46

minutes. With Carling's de-

parture, the strategy passed

into the hands of Richards.

Catch-and-drive were the

watchwords, the policy built

around Martin Johnson and

the improving Garath Archer.

and the Irish were worn down.

It is not subtle but it is English to the core and, in a

works. The greatest compli-

ment to England's style is that

the French borrowed it to beat

them before losing their way;

England might have made this game safe well before

Sleightholme, from the blind-

side wing, took Grayson's pass and flew like an arrow into the left-hand

One similar run by the Bath

wing had ended with a knock-

on and a threatening lineout

success by Johnson five metres

from the Ireland line was

European dimension,

stopped so that England could

receive a penalty. By full time

both Carling, and England's

supporters, could depart the

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ENGLAND: M J Catt (Bath); J M

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(Northampton), M J B Dawson (Northampton), M J B Dawson (Northampton), M P Ropen
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(Waspel), D Richards (Leicester), Caring
replaced by P R de Glambie (Bath, Smrn);
Dalagido Iomporativ replaced by T A K

Rodber (Northampton/Army, 29-31).

scene satisfied.

No one was more to the fore than Will Carling, in his 59th and final match as England captain, battering vainty against a swath of green at a time when a degree more pragmatism was required. There were slightly disturbing echoes of England's tactics in the 1991 World Cup final, in the desperate desire to blaze a running trail against committed opponents and a referdisinclined to allow advantage.

England's handling skills were not up to it and, when Carling departed the scene prematurely with torn ankle igaments, which have ended his season, Ireland led 15-9 and were good value for the lead. The emergence of Jeremy Davidson and the discovery of David Humphreys have given them both a ball-winner and an organiser; the addition of Simon Mason has given them a points accumulator who on the form of Saturday, in the Ollie Campbell mould.

Four penalty goals out of four, kicked with the air of a man in control of his temperament, suggest Mason is set for a long international career. Yet his average was all but matched by Grayson, who missed only one kick at goal out of eight and who showed himself to be a thinking player, capable of taking gaps.

The pressure on the kicker is

Emotional lid stays firmly sealed

he posse in the East Stand could contain themselves no longer. Largely absorbed by England's twin attempts to subdue the trish and the boo-boys (the priorities switched once it became clear the men in green were serious), they kept their passions dry until the final whistle had blown. Then, as the captain nobly hobbled up the Twickenham steps to receive the pint-sized trophy for what Jack Rowell would have us believe was a quart-sized achievement, a steady torrent of affection gushed from the £35 seats. "Deano, Deano."

That is the thing about Will Carling. Even after the most successful captaincy career in England rugby union history, after two grand slams and 59 internationals, he still has not crossed the threshold that divides respect from love. With Dean Richards, what you see is what you get, like Bill Beaumont. But no one is sure about Carling. He is rugby's Mr Darcy, too good by half, yet with a faint whiff of the bounder about him.

True, he was given a hearty ovation as he ran on to the field, left to it by the rest of his team, who hung back in the tunnel; true, he was given a hearty ovation 34 minutes later when all he could see from the stretcher were the grey skies above Twickenham. But there was a strangely choreographed, almost dispassionate air to the reception. Like a school speech day, with Carling the star pupil who wins all the prizes. The applause died down quite quickly. Achievement was being

honoured, not personality. To be fair to him. Carling did nothing to heighten the hype. The gist of his last team talk was 'Never mind me, let's win the game', which was much what he had been saying all week to the press. If



emotions were boiling inside

ANDREW LONGMORE At Twickenham

him, the lid was well sealed. Everything about the day had been "armazing", he said, particularly the result and the unexpected crowning glory of the five nations' championship. Who else but Carling could talk of winning the championship not being a "viable option" beforehand? This is the language of the boardroom not the playing field, apt perhaps, given that the dividing line between the two has become perilously thin during Carling's 72-year reign as captain (minus a day or two for the "57 old farts" affair), but suspicious nonetheless. Richards would no more talk of viable options than he would countenance

So how to assess Carling the captain? He has passed the

first rule - he has been lucky. Lucky in having strong men around him, men like Brian Moore and Richards, who could steady the ship and administer verbal keelhaulings when required. Though quite capable of impassioned oratory himself. Carling's skill was to let them

n Saturday, during a torrid opening, the pack huddled round Richards to receive their orders, while Carling sat on his haunches ten yards away. Delegation, good captaincy or admission of waning Carling's on-field style has

always leant more towards the quiet word, the quick slap on the back, than the clenched fist. But there have been times



Carling feels the pain of a farewell cut short by injury

this season when, mentally, his badge had already been Mixed up in the sub-plots on

Saturday was the issue of the next captain. The king is dead for at least being made a cup of tea by his mother in the treatment room), long live the king. If Richards was the decisive voice in bringing the English pack to heel, Lawrence Dallaglio advertised his claims with a performance of enormous skill and commitment, while Martin Johnson, profiting at last from some decent lineout service from his hooker, did no harm to his chances either.

It was noticeable that both of them — along with Sleightholme, the try-scorer gave their captain a rather more effusive farewell at the top of the steps than the peremptory handshake of-fered by old stagers like Guscott and Leonard. For sure, some in the England team will not be sad to see the end of an era.

The lingering question, not least on the lips of the man himself, is whether that will be the end of Carling the player as well as captain Carling. Rowell, the England manager, believes Carling is playing as well as ever, not a view, it has to be said, borne out by the 33 minutes of the Ireland match. It might be best, for the new captain as much as anyone, for the curtain to come down for good.

"Eight good years," was Carling's description of his tenure. "I hope we've given the fans something to cheer," he said. And boo, from time to time. An England team without Carling as captain, Rowell added, would be like Trafalgar Square without Nelson. Carling's ultimate success is also enshrined in stone, or rather the concrete of the towering new stands at Twickenham.

of progress in difficult season Rob Andrew finds much to encourage him at the end of the five nations' championship

The argument over the significance of the five nations' championship in global rugby terms will continue, never more so than now, with the competition that ended on Saturday coming at a time when we are seeing, via television, the first fruits of the new Super 12 tournament in the southern

Our horizons must remain global. We can learn from what we see in the southern hemisphere so long as we take the best of it and adapt it to the strengths of home unions rugby. Much of that has to do with the mental approach to the game but, at the same time, we must protect what we

The five nations' is a magtificent tournament. You have only to listen to someone like Nick Farr-Jones, the former Australia captain who, for years, waiched it from afar. Now he has witnessed the tournament first hand, he appreciates that it is a vital part of the northern hemisphere winter, and not just for 80 minutes of rugby in Twickenham, Cardiff, Dublin, Edinburgh or Paris.

We know ourselves, after extended contact with the southern hemisphere over the past five to ten years, that we cannot regard the tournament in isolation, even though I remain uncertain how that can be best achieved. We do need to break down the insular nature of the tournament and take the standard of play forward and, this season, there have been positive signs. Wales have taken signifi-

cant steps towards a flowing game. Scotland, too, have built on their traditional strengths. Despite their lowly position in the table. Ireland have put some building blocks in place for the next few years, while the French, with so much talent, have done what only the French can do, chopping and chang-

ing and emerging with disappointment after beginning so

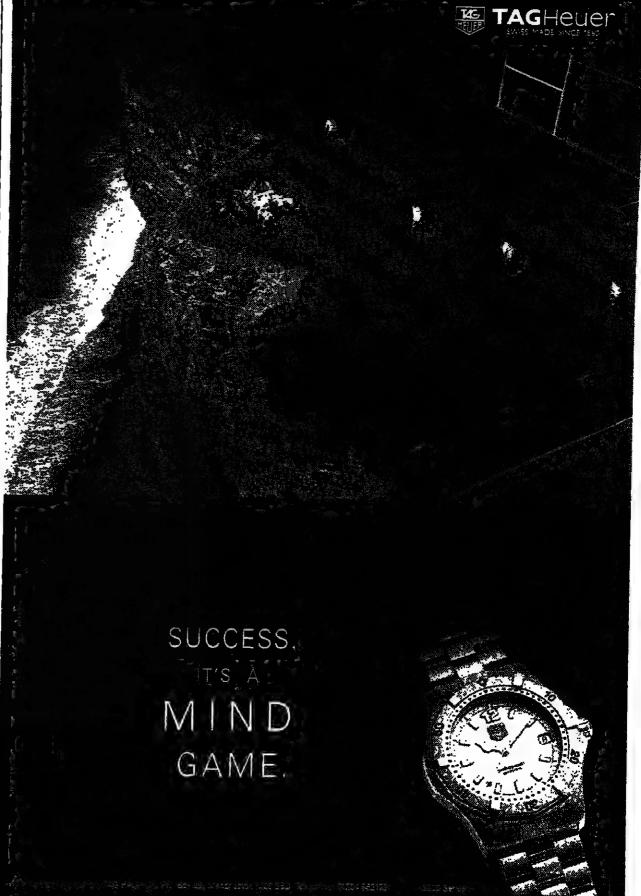
But the home unions have progressed, including England - despite their critics. To be champions of Europe is no small feat, particularly for six players in their first season, and nobody should underestimate what that will mean to the development of this team. It took Rory Underwood and me eight years before we could say as much, which only shows how far England have progressed in terms of their own achievements as well as public expectation.

In what has been a difficult season, some young players have come through. They know they have to improve. and a professional atmosphere will help them do so. In no particular order I have been particularly delighted with the play of Gregor Townsend, David Humphreys and Leigh Davies.

There may be question marks over aspects of Townsend's play, but he is such a talented footballer that you have to look at his positive qualities. Humphreys s a super player and his thoughtful approach is sure to serve Ireland well, while Davies, only 19, has all the attributes of the player of the future: pace, power and a sure touch on the ball.

f I mention Lawrence Dallaglio, from England, L it is not just because he is from Wasps, my former club. Athletic, big and skilful, Dallaglio has been attracting attention for some years, and now we can see him growing in stature.

None of these players is the finished article. They must be given guidance as professional rugby develops, and their own ambitions will carry them onwards. They are typical of the talent we possess in the northern hemisphere: they must not be wasted.



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Southampton undone by Kinkladze's defining moment



there. Unluckily knocked out of the FA Cup at Old Trafford last Monday, when Neil Shipperley had an apparently good goal disallowed, they were no more fortunate at Maine Road on Saturday, losing 2-1 to Manchester City as an equaliser deep into injury time was ruled out and their substitute, Gordon Watson, was sent off for the force of his protests.

sick of Manchester, and the referees whom they meet

Watson's dismissal reflected Southampton's disappointment after they had controlled the second half and were left with nothing from a vital game for both clubs. It has been a bad week for Southampton, who are now in the third relegation place in the FA Carling Premiership, and a good week for City, whose four points have given them a margin for error. Yet. if Southampton felt hard done by. when their resentment has cooled they might acknowledge that they were beaten by the goal of the season — or any other season — from Georgi Kinkladze.

Early in the campaign, when Kinkladze had run the game against Leeds United, a senior Leeds professional, with typical British suspicion of genius, and of foreigners, had questioned how Kinkladze would survive a hard season of tough, physical challenge, particularly in a struggling team. On Saturday, he got his answer.

Kinkladze showed that genius can flourish even in barren soil, scoring both goals. If the first was a tap-in after Beasant had parried Clough's shot, the second was sheer fantasy, with three or four defenders left tackling thin air as he Peter Ball on the artistry and acrimony that accompanied Manchester City's triumph

weaved through to face Beasant. The finish matched the approach, a little chip mixing cheek and artistry in equal proportions. The goal brought the crowd to its feet as one, and kept the atmosphere buzzing with excitement.

Genius has been defined as "an infinite capacity for taking pains". In Kinkladze's case, that is true. After the Newcastle [United] game, when everyone was raving about what a great player he was, he watched the video four or five times, picking holes in his own performance, saying 'I should have scored here, or there', and working out where he could have done better," Francis Lee, the City chairman, said. "That just shows what a fantastic kid he is. He's a great player, but he still wants to learn." Days were when such excellence might have inspired Le Tissier to

emulation. Not now. On Saturday, Le Tissier's most telling thrust came on the coach home, when he picked up his mobile phone to tell David Mellor, the host of the Six-O-Six radio programme, that he was lighter than a year ago, rather than two stone heavier as a newspaper article had suggested.

Le Tissier's indignant denial was the only comment from Southampafter the game. Dave Merrington, the manager, refusing to say a word before shepherding his players onto the coach and away. Perhaps he had just seen enough of Manchester: perhaps he was afraid that he might use un-Christian language if he gave his views on the final ten minutes.

It was a pity that Watson had not shown similar reticence. Even from the press box, there could be little doubt that he was guilty of using foul or abusive language, giving Jeff Winter little option but to produce the red card. Referees are not always wrong,

and Winter's decision to rule out Robinson's equaliser was not necessarily wrong, either. Robinson, who came between two defenders, was not offside, but the flag had been up against Shipperley at the far post for a few seconds.

Southampton protested that, under the new guidelines, he was not involved in the play, but that seems a specious argument. If a forward who is positioning himself for a cross which then comes in is not involved in play, who is?

Where Winter had erred was in the sudden flurry of cards as Southampton sought their equaliser in the heated final minutes, after Tisdale's goal had given them hope. City. too. suffered in that flurry, Flitcroft's booking condemning him to his third suspension of the season. "If we'd got as many points as Flitcroft, we'd he heading for Europe," Alan Ball, the City manager, said. Merrington probably did not appreciate the humour, bly did not appreciate the number,
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Stubbs out to rescue **Bolton**

Coventry City Bolton Wanderers2

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

TALES of the unexpected at Highfield Road: as if the appearance before the game of the legendary Hungary international. Ferenc Puskas. was not surprising enough there was the strange sight of Bolton Wanderers securing their third successive away win in the FA Carling Premiership. And who would have anticipated two goals from their captain, Alan

After the summer of discontent last year and rumours of impending moves to more glamorous surroundings, even the fact that Stubbs is still with Bolton has raised a as a new Alan Hansen, he is now filling an unfamiliar midfield role in a system adopted after a frank exchange of opinions between team and management.

"They asked us what we thought," Stubbs said. "Everyone had a point of view a constructive one. We've changed our formation and up to now it's paying divi-dends. All credit to them for

Colin Todd the Bolton manager, said: "We have ositions they don't really like, but they re doing jobs for the team and we looked organised and are beginning to show resilience." Resilience was a necessary

quality as Coventry City had the better of the first hour. Driven forward by Williams's energy in midfield, they threatened without testing Branagan, apart from Dublin's looping header that required an acrobatic save. Even while Coventry pressed forward, however, the warnings were there as the wandering Curcic looked for openings on the break, and Blake hit the outside of a post from Sellars's precise cross.

Then a corner, needlessly conceded by Daish, was head ed down by Coleman into the path of Stubbs on the edge of the penalty area. He had all the time he needed to size up a volley that seemed to pass about 20 players on its way in to the net. Coventry replied with a shot by Jess, which was well saved, and one by Salako, which he wastefully struck over the bar, before Stubbs tried his luck again. Only Ogrizovic will know how it beat him.

For once, the Coventry attack had no answer. Ron Atkinson, their manager, is fond of saying that nobody leaves Coventry games before the final whistle, but with opportunities wasted by Dublin, Salako and Jess, people started for the exits. Goodness knows what Puskas made of it all. Perhaps he, too, had

Despite this result, which Atkinson described as "disastrous". Bolton are still bottom of the table, but the gap is narrowing. "The fight will go on," Todd said. "There is not a lot of pressure on us because no one expects us to stay up, but the belief is there. among the players and myself.

Stubbs agreed. "Even before we started getting results. we thought we had a chance." he said. "Sometimes teams have had to win so many games and they've done it. Who knows? You wouldn't have said we were going to win three away games, would

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Weakened Chelsea unable to halt momentum of Liverpool's challenge

Hoddle ploy beaten by boldness of mavericks

Liverpool

BY MARK HODKINSON

HE'S got the gum chewing just about right, not to mention the baggy nylon jacket worn exclusively by football managers and the cast of Brookside. The gestures are also spot-on - an upturned palm supporting the chin in moments of crisis and a line that appears on his forehead when Chelsea are under pressure. Glenn Hoddle, the gilded footballer and occasional pop singer, is no more. Instead there is Hoddle the manager, and he is as authentic as they

Anfield is the place where managers come of age. It is the football equivalent of a game of chess with Kasparov, with the added complication of 40,000 spectators trying to put you off each move. Hoddle resolved to hold a mirror to perfect symmetry of tactical layout, complete with three centre backs, would nullify the red octopus that is Liverpool on their day, it was a novel approach, but without his best player, Gullit, and facing footmavericks McManaman and Collymore, the ploy was hopeful rather

than guaranteed. "You come to Anfield and you know you are going to have a hard game." Hoddle said. "We got it right tactically. They found it hard to break us down. I think we were poor at not hitting them on the break. We were in the game until they got their second goal." The first half had an atmosphere of despondency, almost as if the large crowd was

Gullit. He had been set to provide a tantalising cameo. players not in a Liverpool shirt with the ability to fall into his own time-space within a football match. He was back in London with flu, wrapped up warm no doubt, while the rest

of us shivered on a dank

afternoon in Merseyside. At least Collymore and McManaman had the will to shake off the langour. McManaman shot crisply for Hitchcock to save before Collymore took the ball with his left foot, set it up for his right, and slammed it against the crossbar.

Cheisea harried and covered every space with enthusiasm but Hughes was often marconed in attack. despite the best efforts of Peacock and Spencer to support him. In basic terms, Hughes was the battering ram to prise open Liverpool's threeman fortress across their penhave the equanimity for such an uneven skirmish. He put in several heedless tackles and received a booking before Hoddle wisely withdrew him.

The goal so badly required came soon after half-time when Wright ambied upfield and found himself deep in the Chelsea penalty area. Scales. another wandering centre back, kept the ball in play on the flank before passing to Barnes. He floated it to the far post and Wright showed more intent than the Chelsea defenders as he claimed it as his

Spencer responded with a brazen chip over the head of James from a good distance. James, as he is prone, supplied a beaming smile to his outfield



Harkness, the Liverpool defender, manages to evade the two-footed attentions of Hughes, Chelsea's lone striker

players after he had retrieved the ball from the top of his net, but it was born chiefly from relief. Duberry flashed a shot wide before the game was irre-deemably finished by Liver-

Collymore ran at Chelsea, forced it through to McAteer and he crossed to Fowler. The journey from Fowler's forehead to the net might have been measured with a sliderule, such was its accuracy. It was the finish of a prodigy and, inevitably, it brought forward the comparison with the legend on the substitutes' bench, Ian Rush. In Rush's first 100 games for Liverpool he scored 61 goals. Fowler's appearance against Cheisea was his hundredth and his

tally is 62. Chelses, drawn into a more enterprising approach, now left their defensive bastion. Petrescu shot straight at James when clear, and Spencer had an effort kicked from the line by Scales after James had dallied with a clearance.

Job done, Liverpool left the pitch to learn that Queens Park Rangers were ahead against Manchester United. Four minutes later, and another goal from the irrepressible Cantona, and Liver-

pool were two points adrift of United at the top of the FA Carling Premiership. Touching distance, perhaps, and with Newcastle United still to visit Anfield.

VISTAMILEU.

INFERPODI. (3-4-1-2): D. James — M. Woght, J. Scales, S. Hurtness — J. McAleer M. Thomas, J. Bames, R. Jones — S. McAlesmain — R. Fowler, S. Colymore.

CHELSEA (3-8-2): K. Hachcook — M. Dubery, D. Lee, S. Carles — D. Pelureou, C. Burlay, D. Wise, G. Poecock, T. Phetan — J. Scencer, M. Hughes (sub: P. Furlong, 71 mm).

and Hirst are among the most

accomplished players in the

Premiership, and the recent

recruitment of the dashing

Durchman, Blinker, has add-

ed another string to Pleat's

attacking bow. An abundance

of skill, not enough heart?

Perhaps. Certainly, Wednes-day have been one of the softer

touches this season. On Satur-

day, they were meaner, sharp-

er, hungrier, and it allowed

But for Bosnich's reflexes.

Wednesday would have been

well clear long before Woods, Hirst and the goalscorer.

Whiningham, combined to

plunder the definitive Route

their ability to flourish.

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could not cover, as was the case în îniury time.

mittedly a hopeful one, fell directly into Shearer's stride. The central defence, makeshift on account of injury and chickenpox, was nonplussed. It is the accuracy of Shearer's angled shots on the run that makes his finishing so crushingly effective and Walker.

When Blackburn won the championship last year. Shearer collected 37 goals. He is about to improve on that achievement even though as 4 he sarcastically put it, "we have had a disastrous season and we are sixth in the table. They might even be able to compete in Europe again: which is likely to be more to the benefit of Shearer than to the game itself.

Like Blackburn, Tottenham were suffering from the absence of key players, but they were affected even more by their elimination from the FA Cup the previous week. A better way of deciding these ties than penalty shoot-outs, Francis opined on behalf of his players, would be for away goals to count double. This view, he emphasised, he held before Tottenham had been knocked out by Nottingham

The two Tottenham players. still looking the part were Sheringham and Armstrong. who took their close-range goals with the same assurance is Shearer. Francis would not be drawn on how complementary they would be at a higher level, preferring on this occasion to dwell at length instead on the failings of his own

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One opener just before the hour, and, but for McGrath's magnificence in an otherwise hesitant defence. Villa might have been swamped thereafter. Hirst, starting and finishing the move, ended any doubts with an unstoppable header near the end. As for Villa, this was one match too far in a season of so many big games and so many

Pleat plots escape route

for which he has scored 141 but it doesn't really change

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

AFTER a week of turmoil at Highbury, of rumour and counter-rumour, fact and fiction, it was quite reasonable to debate at Selhurst Park on Saturday who possessed the crazier Crazy Gang? Who was the more guilty of bizarre behaviour, with scant consideration for the ordinary supporter, and who was indulging in enough covert operations to shame M15? Was it Arsenal, that great

club from north London, which has been plagued by scandal and intrigue in recent years yet persists in parading its self-inflicted wounds? Or was it Wimbledon, that humble club from south London. which has tormented its elitist rivals for ten seasons yet now. at last, may be about to bid them farewell?

In the FA Carling Premiership, a mad, mad world within a mad, mad world, it is relatively easy to be kept informed about what is going on. However, to comprehend the assorted soap operas and sub-plots therein can require an honours degree in psychology or the paranormal.

Why, for example, has Bruce Rioch, the Arsenal manager, not signed his contract. nine months into the job? Why has he fallen out with lan Wright, the Arsenal striker, and also, apparently. David Dein, the Arsenal vice-chair-

answers - they pay large chunks of the colossal wages but, invariably, receive only
 a series of platitudes. On Sarurday, Rioch revealed his pleasure at the performance. However, when gently queried about the internal rumblings at Highbury, he said: "I don't really want to talk about good victory."

man? And why does Wright, at 32, want to the leave a club goals in 210 appearances? Supporters are entitled to

Wright talks in riddles

delight with the result and his that. Ian played his part in a Wright was more forthcom

ing, as belits his frequently indiscreet nature. Again, though, his words set more riddles. "I played my usual game, it's the only way I know how." he said. "I always give everything. I never like to disappoint or short-change anyone." Presumably, it was a veiled reference to his attitude having been questioned.



"I thought my transfer re-quest would be turned down anything. I've still got some problems in that respect. I'll concentrate on playing and see what happens at the end of the season. The fans gave me a great reception and were very supportive. Whatever the out-

come. I'm sure they'll under-

stand," Presumably, it was a

hint that he wants away during the summer. Wright was one of nine forwards, deployed in various guises, playing on Saturday, yet the first half was lifeless. Thankfully, it picked up after shredding the Wimbledon cover with ease. Wright. Bergkamp and Harrson flitted everywhere, prompting Rioch marvel justifiably at his players' growing confidence and

invention. Winterburn tapped in the first goal on the hour. Platt's 25-yard drive was deflected past Sullivan six minutes later, and a shot from Bergkamp slithered under Sullivan near the end. Arsenal continue to push for Europe, despite their internal strife, and Wimbledon continue to slip towards the Endsleigh Insurance League, despite their traditional cussedness. Yet what lurks behind the scenes is anybody's guess.

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Aston Villa ... By Kerth Pike

CROATIA. Portugal and the European championship finals can wait. For now it is the prospect of Crewe Alexandra, Port Vale and the Endsleigh Insurance League that is clouding the horizons of Hillsborough's regulars: a summer football feast followed by a threatened diet of dross. Sheffield Wednesday stadium, supporters, set-upseem capable of so much

This victory over Aston Villa on Saturday, deserved and welcome though it was, will fool nobody, not least David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, who knows more than most about the rigours of a relegation campaign. "One tiny swallow in the middle of what has been a very long winter," was how he described it and, as if to emphasise the point, snow continued to cascade outside.

Wednesday are certainly not out of the woods yet. Pleat will know much more about their prospects of survival in the FA Carling Premiership by teatime next Saturday, when his team follows up a midweek trip to Southampton with a visit to Bolton Wanderers. Six points against their fellow strugglers and they would, in all probability, be sale: two or less, and memories of 1990 will return to haunt them. Then, despite

Ron Atkinson's protestations that it would not, could not, happen, Wednesday were relegated, a last-day home defeat by Nottingham Forest coupled with Luton Town's victory

away to Derby County confirming the unthinkable. Pleat, more pragmatic if still typically buoyant, at least recognises that Wednesday are in peril. Last week he spent £1.5 million on Jon Newsome. the Norwich City defender, and called for a "sleeves rolled up" response from the rest. He got it, along with a first clean sheet in 20 games, and three points after a run of six defeats in seven matches.

There were no words, no diagrams, no tacties, just a group of players playing for each other," Pleat enthused. Not before time, he might Quite how a team of so

many individual talents got itself into such a precarious position is a mystery. Walker,

big performances. There was no appetite, no spark, and no doubt too many minds on the Coca-Cola Cup final next Sunday. On this occasion, perhaps, they can be excused. Pleat, and Wednesday, can still afford no such luxuries. STILL BUTCH TO SUCH LUXURIES.
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Blackburn Rovers ..

BY IVO TENNANT

A HAT-TRICK to his name and another match-ball see creted among his luggage, Alan Shearer held court in the mizzling rain at White Hait Lane and spoke about the kind of through-pass he favours. The one, for instance which Chris Sutton, an 86thminute substitute, provided in injury time, when their manager would have been more than content with a draw. Over Shearer's shoulder the

ball dropped, onto that unear-ing right foot. Two Totterbass. Hotspur defenders gave hist sufficient leeway to take the ball in his stride. A goalkeeper as competent as Walker, prepared to stand up as long as possible before committing himself one way or the other was quite defenceless to counter the shot that followed

This was Shearer's fifth hat trick and 34th goal of the season. He has not misred League match for Blackburn Rovers since September 1993 an astonishing feat considering how tightly marked and severely buffeted he is from week to week. Give him some space, as Tottenham did to the chagrin of their manager, Gerry Francis, and he will

All three of his goels eme nated from running with the ball into or towards the Tottenham penalty area. First, he was brought down from behind by Calderwood and scored with the ensuing spot kick. Then he left Nethercott behind him and found the one. corner of goal that Walker-

Sutton's through-ball, ad-

again had no answer.

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United assume lead in title race thanks to Frenchman's late equaliser at Loftus Road

Cantona secures room at the top

Queens Park Rangers ,, 1 Manchester United 1

BY OLIVER HOLT

THE first time the ball flashed past the post. Eric Cantona just glared and puffed out his chest. When it happened again, he beat the air in frustration and ill-disguised disgust. On the third occasion that Manchester United missed a gilt-edged chance, he abandoned all restraint and screamed reproach at the culprit, Andy Cole. Then, when all seemed lost, he scored. If you want a job done properly, do it yourself.

The Frenchman has scored vital goals in three successive games now: the priceless volley against Newcastle United; the opener in the FA Cup tie against Southampton; and the stooping header on Saturday that took his team back to the top of the FA Carling Premiership for the first time in six

Cantona's performance at Loftus Road, when United and Queens Park Rangers got caught up in each other's doglights and the title chasers got the kind of late break the relegation fighters would kill for, was modest by his own standards, but his equaliser, nearly three minutes into injury time, masked once again the great flaw that threatens United's championship hopes.

Their approach play is won-derful, full of invention and pinball passing. Their finishing, though, is often so woeful it seems that they do not want the fun to finish. Only their other great attribute, their bloody-mindedness, their refusal to accept defeat, rescued a point for them in the end.

We should have been down rie road by half-time," Alex Ferguson, their manager, said afterwards. "You cannot miss chances like that one-on-one good result for us. I'm disappointed. But my team deserved it in the end because they never gave up."

United came out through

afternoon as though they were about to hurtle back to the top in style and extend their sequence of ten straight wins with a demolition job. They toyed with Rangers, who have now won only once in 12 games, so mercilessly in the first half, outclassed them so effortlessly, that you felt more contempt than pity for the home team's plight, deep in relegation trouble.

By the time it had finished. though, sympathies had been comprehensively transferred to the underdogs. It was an empty, unsatisfactory way for United to go ahead of their rivals from the North East on goal difference. If Newcastle beat West Ham United at St James' Park tonight and go three points clear with a game in hand, they will have regained the initiative

For now, though, United gaze down at the foothills of the division from the summit. in the distance, they can just make out Rangers, only a point off the bottom after Bolton Wanderers' win against Coventry City, with the Endsleigh Insurance League looming large,

The home team chung on and clung on in the latter stages on Saturday, their supporters cheering wildly every time a United pass went astray or a home tackle thudded in, but when Cantons nodded in Giggs's swirling cross in the 93rd minute the dismay and despair on their faces seemed to indicate their fight is over.

It would have been less cruel if United had made their early dominance tell and destroyed the strugglers with a swagger. It was worse because they let them off the hook, let them think they had achieved an improbable escape and then dashed their hopes in an

When Giggs turned er, inside out before ten minutes had passed and rifled a shot at Sommer, one was ready to be entertained in awe



Cantona, whose goal earned Manchester United a point, shields the ball from Holloway, the Queens Park Rangers midfield player

Sommer saved from Beckham after Cantona's clever pass midway through the half, one was just glad United had not killed the game off too

quickly.
When Giggs and Cantona carved the home defence open in the 27th minute to put clean through, McClair poked the ball tamely thought it would be just a matter of time. Even when Giggs caused havoc down the left five minutes later and Cole by a team in its pomp. When slid his perfect cross wide of

the post with the goal at his mercy, it should still have been a cakewalk. But, after a dizzying solo run

by Giggs had ended in another fine Sommer save and the goalkeeper blocked a fierce shot from Irwin with his legs, Rangers staggered into the sauctuary of half-time. brought Impey on for Quashie closed down the space that Giggs had enjoyed and made some inroads of his own. providing passes and runs to

Suddenly, Ferguson's decision to rest Sharpe and Butt by leaving them on the bench lost some of its appeal. United were pinned in their own half and, in the 63rd minute, Rangers showed them how to finish when they converted their first clear-cut chance, Dichio curling a shot beyond Schmeichel and Irwin head-

try to deflect it wide. That brought Sharpe and Butt into the action. Cole soon wasted another chance when

launched himself at the ball to

it into his own net as he

he ran on to Cantona's header but allowed McDonald time to challenge him and knock the ball away. Right into the dying seconds, Rangers rebuffed United's advances, but when the praying and the impassioned whistling was at its height, they lost concentration for an instant and Cantona struck.

Ray Wilkins, the Rangers manager, was admirably candid and cheerful in the face of adversity, quick to praise his players' contributions. He reserved his only hint of bitterreferee, and his policy of stopping his watch whenever he thought Sommer was not sprinting to keep it in play. Wilkins was asked if he had ever come across anything similar before. "Only in the Super Bowl," he said.
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Sunderland lacking in quality to match aspirations

Birmingham City Sunderland

BY DAVID MADDOCK

IN THE land of the Endsleigh Insurance League, Margaret Thatcher is still Prime Minister, the Sinclair C5 is a viable mode of transport, and Gra-ham Taylor holds huge promise as a manager. They are, it seems, operating in a mid-Eighties time warp. Sadly, there isn't even the

vulgar vitality of those days, if the evidence at St Andrew's yesterday was anything to go by. There is merely the depressing realisation that both teams are practising a tire-some mode of long ball football that was discredited some

years ago. Sunderland at least pursued their limited horizons with discipline and conviction, which was enough to earn the victory which put them on top of the table. They completely dominated a Birmingham City side who seemed to have no clear idea of their objectives a reflection perhaps of the malaise that grips the club.

Sunderland's strength and determination has given them seven straight League wins, a postwar record, and their regimented, low-risk approach will surely earn them the grail of promotion to the FA Carling Premiership. It will not keep them there

Results and tables Rangers beld ... Slender lead in Vase

though. The long ball doctrine has been rumbled, it is too one-dimensional for the big money sophisticates of the top flight. Sunderland deserved victory here, deserve promotion, but they do not possess enough guile for life at the top.

The ever-widening gulf is a

dilemma facing every side to emerge from the Endsleigh time machine, solvable only by the injection of vast amounts of money. Sunderland simply do not have such resources, but they do reflect the professionalism of Peter Reid, their manager.

It is all long ball, hit early, and terribly unexciting, but it destroyed Birmingham. From the start the Wearsiders looked comfortable, a position enhanced by a sixteenth-minute goal. Ball crossed from the left, Melville produced the perfect dummy, and Agnew was clear to steer a crisp shot into the corner. Stewart could have added a

second goal. Melville had a header saved and Scott shot wide. Such superiority was confirmed after 64 minutes when Kubicki's cross found Melville at the far post. The header was emphatic. Sunderland eased off to

wards the end, Reid confessing that the hard work is just about to begin: "It's nice to be top, but it's going to be very difficult to stay there." If they do manage to stay there, it will be even harder come the start of next season.

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Forest focused on job in hand

Middlesbrough Nottingham Forest 1

BY PAT GIBSON

THE Brazilians on Saturday. The Germans tomorrow. They all seem to come the same to Nottingham Forest, whose ability to concentrate on the job in hand was quite exceptional just three days before they take on Bayern Munich at the City Ground in the second leg of their Uefa Cup quarter-final.

Even Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, who knows more than most about the resilience of the English professional footballer, thought that a hattle-weary Forest would give his side

their best chance of relaunching a season which has gone into free-fall with the worst sequence of results in the four years of the FA Carling Premiership, and which would be fatal had they not made such an outstanding start. He was wrong. Robson had

Juninho and Branco starting a match together for the first time while Forest were without their three most exciting talents, Roy, Stone and Woars. Yet, in the end, Middlesbrough were happy to settle for a point, which was as many as they had taken from their previous 11 matches. "It is an awful cliché and l

hate to use it," Frank Clark. the Forest manager, said, "but we really do have to take each game as it comes. We have not

spoken about Bayern at all yet cause we have not had time. This was our 47th game of the season and we have been playing twice a week almost continuously since Christmas. But the players keep going and they will be ready for Tuesday. Their character and commitment is remarkable."

Allen, on loan from Oxford United, put Forest ahead after 57 minutes but Middlesbrough equalised within a minute when Hendrie and Barmby combined effectively

Barmby combined effectively to set up Mustoe.

MIDDLESBROUGH (4-3-1-2): G Walsh — N Cox, N Pearson, D Whyle, C Fleming — R Mustoe, Branco, J Policoli, — Juninho — N Barmby, J Henothe.

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Final task a piece of cake for Genoa

Port Vale Genoa ...

BY ALYBON RUDO

MAKE no mistake, this game was very, very, big news in Italy. The Anglo-Italian Cup final was televised live and the nation tuned in, but then Genoa were the only Italian club to play this weekend after the players' strike wiped out the fixture list.

Genoa rose to the occasion and completely outplayed Port Vale. "We found it very easy to go forward and score goals," Jaetano Salvemini, the Genoa coach, said, They scored five and it could have been eight or nine. Port Vale must have been wondering why they saved their worst performance of the competition for Wembley.

The opening seconds gave a clear

warning of what was to follow when Nappi surprised the Port Vale defence by springing forward onto a long pass from the kick-off and forcing Musselwhite to save desperately with his feet. Thirteen minutes into the match, Rutolo, the captain, gave Genoa the lead when he advanced unmarked towards the edge of the area, collected a clearance, and lofted the ball calmly over Musselwhite.

Port Vale's defending was sloppy and continued in that vein for most of the match. Galante stole in unmarked at the near post to head in Nappi's corner for Genoa's second goal, although the third was more spectacular. Montella scoring with an overhead kick.

Genoa were quick in the counter attack and quick to read Port Vale's ponderous thoughts. Ruotolo scored again nine minutes into the second half, Nappi teeing him up after his own shot had been

parried. It was 5-0 after 66 minutes. Walker lost concentration and knocked the ball into Ruotolo's path, allowing him to complete his hat-trick. Foyle scored two consolation goals but there was no hope whatsoever of a comeback.

The Anglo-Italian Cup draws pitiful crowds and often produces violent matches, but if the competition is about improving relations between the two nations, the final itself was a success. Port Vale supporters were extremely generous in their appreciation of Genoa's skills, and in congratulating them on receiving the trophy.

PORT VALE (4-4-2): P Mussetwhite — A Hill, G Griffiths, N Aspin, D Stokes (sub: R Welker, 37mm) — J McCarday, A Parter, I Bogie, S Guppy (sub: S Taibol, 87) — L Giover (sub: A Naylor, 60), M Poyle

GENOA (5-3-2). L Pastine (sub: G Spegnulo, 75). — Q Magoni, D Delli Cami, L Cavallo, F Galante, D Nicola (sub; J Vari I Schip, 50). — R Onorati (sub: V Torrente, 46), M Bortolazza, G Ruotolo. — M Nappi, V Montella.

It took Everton just over 20 the ball to fall to Ebbrell. His in the Coca-Cola Cup final on shot was kicked off the line by Sunday — in mind, they had a minutes to get back on terms. Everton2 Kanchelskis cut across the Radabe, but the clearance very inexperienced midfield, yet they more than held their face of the goal from right to ballooned upwards and then By PETER BALL dropped to Ferguson, who was own, with Andy Gray showwinding up for a volley when

Deane delivers point for Leeds

FOR the second Sunday running, Leeds United played hosts to the television cameras and visitors from Merseyside, and were happy to draw. There, though, the resemblance ended. Unlike the dour FA Cup-tie with Liverpool of eight days ago, there were four goals and incidents aplenty against Everton yesterday in an untidy but nonetheless positive match.

With half their first-choice side missing. Leeds could be content with a draw and, by the end, just about deserved it, even though their goal had enjoyed a charmed life in the first half. In that opening 45 iminutes, Everton missed a penalty and Lukic made three excellent saves from closerange headers, leaving Everton to head for the dressing rooms at the interval trailing by the odd goal in three.

Kanchelskis soon corrected that anomaly four minutes into the second period, but that goal, instead of providing the basis for Everton to go on and win, merely provided a rallying point for Leeds, who enjoyed their fair share of the remaining 40 minutes.

Perhaps Leeds should play their youngsters more often. With Palmer at the back in place of the suspended Wetherall, Speed injured and McAllister rested with this week's cup matches - the replayed FA Cup-tie with Liverpool and then Aston Villa ing rich promise down the wing once trodden with such distinction by his uncle, Eddie Gray soon showed his abili-

ty when beating Hottiger with an ease that his uncle would have admired and he played his part when Leeds took the lead after seven minutes. His cross was laid by Brolin into the path of Deane and the forward's shot took a deffection off Unsworth to leave Southall helpless.

left, exchanged passes with Limpar, gave the Swede the ball again and a perfectly-judged cross was headed home by Stuart from six yards. From then on, Everton took over completely. They might have gone ahead in another minute and should have done so within two. First, Kelly's header back to his goalkeeper, though short

of Lukic, gave Stuart an opening, but he shot into the side netting. Then Lukic just thwarted Ferguson, only for

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PREMIÉRSHIP AT A GLANCE

The penalty was unarguable, but Hinchcliffe put it the wrong side of the post. From then until half-time, Everton's next goal seemed only a matter of time, but

Couzens sent him crashing.

Lukic defied them with excellent saves from Ebbreil and Short. Indeed, it was Leeds who scored. Tinkler took Kelly's throw-in on a burst that sent him past two defenders to the byline. He cut the ball back and Deane side-tooted home his second goal.

With Limpar and Kanchelskis stretching the home defence, an equaliser was inevitable, but, as with so many of Everton's goals this season, it eventually came from a set-piece. A corner came out off Unsworth to Kanchelskis, whose low drive deflected off Ford and inside a

Leeds responded determinedly, held on with more comfort than they might have anticipated and although, at the close, Ferguson put a header wide and Limpar met Hottiger's cross with a volley that flew over, the Yorkshiremen deserved their draw rather more commendably than the one they had claimed a week earlier.

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NEWCASTLE v WEST HAM Darren Peacock's return has increase Revin Keegan's variety as Newtastle United attempt to restore their championship fortunes. They have taken one point from three matches and observers believe problems have arisen with the expensive signings of Asprilla and Batty, disrupting balance of the side. Keepan may restore Gillespie on the wing but it is hard to accomodate him with Asprilla, Ginola and Beardsley in

Rieper is fit to return to the West Ham defence and close down Ferdinand, who hasn't scored since Asprilla arrived.

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Fowler: goal against Chelsea

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PREMIERSHIP HAT TRICKS

LANK SHEARIER'S With Institute of the season, against observer Hotspur on Saturday, leaves him just one short of a postwar record of league has frictes in the top division in a sation, set by Jimmy Grasives, of Chelses, in 1960-61. With even matches left in Blackburn Rovers' 1995-96 FA Carting amiership campaign, Gressves's record is clearly under read.

treat. Sherrer's hat-trick has painted him further ahead in the list of leading goalscorers this season, with 26 in the transmisship and 34 in total. Even though Blackburn will have tayed only 38 league matches, he is also on course to urpass the record Premiership hauf for one season of 34, fuch he shares with Andy Cole, now of Manchester United. he hat-tricks scored by Premiership players this season are reque unitess statistics.

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orest (Aug 19). 1: M Newell (Blackburn): 4-1 win v Rosenberg (Dec 6. 1: E Sharinghian (Tottordiam): 5-1 win v Hereford (Jan 16, FA Cup third round replay).
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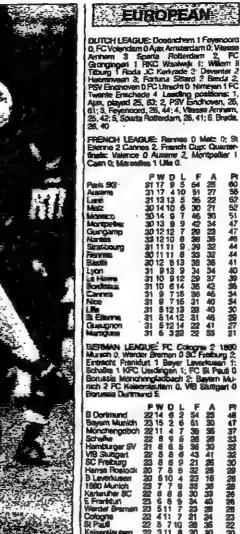
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Champions still in driving seat after Hughes's late header rescues Celtic

Rangers draw most from stalemate

Celtic

By Kevin McCarra

THE explosiveness and effort of this Old Firm match failed to make any impression on the Bell's Scottish League premier division, in which Rangers ended yesterday with their three-point lead unaltered. Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, recognised afterwards that avoiding defeat had been "the important thing".

He nonetheless delivered the observation without relish. having seen Rangers concede a lead established by McLaren when, three minutes from times. Hughes equalised for a Celtic side reduced to ten men by McNamara's sending-off. However, survival and the extension of an unbeaten run in domestic football to 27 games brought little elation to the visitors, who still lag in the championship race.

The frustration felt by play-

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ers on both sides stemmed from the expertise of their opponents at containment. Their ability also meant that entertainment, in the first half especially, was strictly limited.

Few passes were misdirected but great quantities of craft and movement were required merely to ensure that possession was held in midfield. That the result should be determined by goals claimed by defenders at set-pieces demonstrated the static tone of the game before the closing stages, when weariness - and Celtic's need of an equaliser permitted play to flow.

Rangers would have been content with that early gridlock, since it kept them rolling smoothly on towards the title. Celtic. too, still show traces of fallibility in these games, as failure to beat their great rivals in five attempts this season proves.

Rangers took the lead after 41 minutes. As Terry Venables, the England coach,



Laudrup's long stride takes the Rangers striker clear of Grant's sliding tackle during the match against Celtic at Ibrox yesterday

watched, Gascoigne, nagged by tackles and challenges and with the match sometimes proving too brisk for him, at last had the chance to make unmolested use of the ball. O'Donnell fouled Cleland on the left and Gascoigne

dropped a perfect free kick for McLaren to step in front of Hughes and score with a flick of the head that sent the ball skidding past Marshall. With that touch, Celtic could

no longer draw any pleasure from merely being compact. Tommy Burns, their manag-er, had reinstated O'Donnell,

fielded in an unfamiliar role on the right, and Collins, but the alterations seemed only to deplete the team. A sense of adventure needed to reinstated.

Collins, after a bland dis-

lay, was replaced, and O'Donnell encouraged to drift into the centre of the action. Even so, the tactics hardly ruffled Rangers, although the substitute, McLaughlin, scurried and darted cleverly on the left. Goram, in goal, had few opportunities to flaunt his aurobatic excellence.

Rangers might well have

added a second goal after 77 minutes, when Laudrup spurted in from the right, got the break of the ball and crossed to Durie. The substitute's header was well directed, but Marshall reached it impressively, applying a graz-ing touch that diverted the

effort onto the post. Celtic survived then, but after 77 minutes they were depleted, when McNamara was sent off for a wild. mistimed challenge on Miller. his second bookable offence. The energy of the visitors, though, never flagged, and

O'Donnell, boring through eight minutes from the end, made swiping contact to force the ball past Goram, only for Durie to clear from the line.

After 87 minutes there were, for once, no obstacles in Celtic's path. Miller brought down McStay on the right, and Grant's free kick was guided low into the corner of the net by the head of Hughes. who thus atoned for his culpability at the opening goal.

A sense of satisfaction is, though, never more disabling than in an Old Firm match. In the scant time remaining.

Rangers might twice have seized victory. McCall put a looping header against the bar from a corner, and McCoist forced the rebound wide. McCoist then missed once more, heaving a shot well over. Even so, his team's sense

move nearer to the title. RANGERS (3-5-1-1): A Goram — G Pain A McLaren, J Brown — C Moore (sub-Dure, 34mm), S McCall, P Gascoigne, Miler, A Cleland — B Laudrup — McCost.

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Clitheroe confident of making class tell

Mangotsfield United 1 Clitheroe

BY WALTER GAMMIE

THE Clitheroe supporters who had made the journey from Lancashire to Bristol left Cossham Street on Saturday chanting with confidence that their side will reach Wembley after the second leg of the FA Carlsberg Vase semi-final at Shawbridge next Saturday.

They were understandably exhilarated by the way that Clitheroe had taken the game to Mangotsfield with passand-move football that made light of a cut-up, staminasapping pitch - yet the advantage rests with Mangotsfield, courtesy of a goal by Richard Thompson, their central defender, in the 44th

Mangotsfield will take with them the knowledge that they have not been beaten on five away trips in the Vase this season. They will also be forcibly reminded by Terry Rowles, their manager, that they must also play to their

potential.
"We really didn't play well
at all," he said. "It was our worst performance of the season." Rowles described his side as "jaded" after slogging through a Great Mills League Cup-tie at Glastonbury in similarly heavy conditions in midweek. Coming up against swift, sharp-wifted opponents did not help.

While Clitheroe's tireless. textbook attacking held the air of a masterclass, their shots were hit straight to the goalkeeper or blocked by desperate defenders.

Never were Clitheroe allowed the clear sight of goal that Thompson enjoyed when he planted home the Mangotsfield winner with a firm header from Hewlett's CT065.

Deals Underwood, the Clitheroe joint-manager with Gary Butcher, the midfield player, said: "I can promise the pitch next week will be much better — and we will be able to move the ball faster."

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MANGOTSPIELD UNITED (4-1-2) Methews — W Morns, D Ewens, R Thompson (sub N McKeown, 77mm), G Teylor — G Hewlett, N Galard, S Winctone, S Minali — M Rawings, A Peneral (sub D Bopit, 75)

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Lister tells of trouble in store for athletics

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE financial turmoil in British athletics has reached a new intensity. On Saturday. John Lister, the outgoing treasurer of the British Athletic Federation (BAF), told the federation's annual meeting in Birmingham that the sport was "paying the price for the complacency of self-interest" and warned that the next few years would be "quite painful".

The BAF made a loss of

E174,000 over the year. Lister said that the two main reasons for the loss were the legal costs of anni-doping cases — £159,000 in 1995 — and the drop in income from sponsorship and anendances at meetings.
The BAF has already spent

£195,000 on the Diane Modahl case. The 1990 Commonwealth Games 800 metres champion, who returned to national competitive athletics on Saturday as a member of the Sale team that won the national cross country relay championships, is now claiming £480,000 in legal costs and

loss of earnings. However Lister, who said he was expressing his own personal views, criticised both the Amateur Athletic Associa ation (AAA) and the Southern Counties Amateur Athletic Association, which are constituent members of BAF. He said the south of England "needs to demonstrate that it is a committed part of BAF. He said that the financial reserves of both organisations should unreservedly be available for the

However, Geoff Clarke, the AAA treasurer, said that it had handed over its share of the benefits of the London Marathon and the AAA's indoor and outdoor championships to the BAF when it was founded live years ago. He also said the AAA had itself made a loss last

year of £40,000. The new treasurer is Martin Evanson, Mary Peters, the new BAF president and the 1072 Olympic pentathlon champion, said that she wanted to be a figurehead of "dignity and humour". This is something athletics particularly needs at the moment.

Ito the star attraction of Canadian extravaganza t all began modestly 100 years ago with four entries at St Petersburg in its earlier incarnation. From that tiny acorn, there flourished a mighty cak of such proportions that 219 skaters will take part in the world championships here in Edmonton this week before a global television audi-

ence of more than 150 million. Those four pioneers, all male, competed merely for the honour. This week, with the word "amateur" supplanted by "eligible" in the lexicon of the International Skating Union, a prize fund of nearly \$1 million (£650,000) is on offer, \$50,000 to the winners of the solo events and \$75,000 to the top pairs and ice dance couples. Given Canada's unquenchable en-

thusiasm for anything on skates, no special incentive will be needed to draw the crowds to the Coliseum here but, if

John Hennessy sets the scene for the ice skating

world championships, which begin this week

there were, the reappearance of Midori Ito, at 26 a Japanese firecracker, would surely fill the bill. Her claim to fame springs, or at least sprang, from her spectacular jumping, the first woman to do a triple axel in competition in winning the world title in Paris in 1989.

Less happily, one calls to mind her triple lutz in the 1991 world championships, when her diagonal approach was so long delayed that she was sitting in a television cameraman's lap when she should have still been on the ice performing the second part of her combination jump.

More recently, she has been in the shadows, internationally at least, and she has been enriced back only by the prospect of an Olympic success in two years' time in her own country.

In practice yesterday, she showed all her old power, with the triple axel still under control, and with it a new personal maturity. The former schoolgirl grin, seemingly in embarrassment at her precocious talent, has been replaced by a confident woman-of-the-world smile. She has learnt her lesson well, too, for the lutz is now executed down the length of the rink. Nearly 2,000 square metres of ice should provide room enough even for her

The next week will show whether or

not time has passed her by. Her principal opponents include Michelle Kwan, of the United States, at 15 a winner of the Champions Series in Paris recently, Irina Slutskaya. 17, from Russia, holder of the European title, and Lu Chen, of China, world champion last March at 18. Ito must almost feel ready for her bus-pass.

The British challenge, as is usually the case these days, rests almost exclusively on the powerful shoulders of Steven Cousins, but he will be doing well if he can emulate his eighth place of a year ago, such is the strength of the entry in the men's competition.

Marika Humphreys and Philip Askew have been attracting encouraging notices among the ice dancers but. on their first appearance at this level, a place in the top ten must be the limit of their expectations.

Reading pursuing double

By Sydney Friskin

tonians dropped out of the title

BARELY 24 hours after eliminating Guildford, the holders, from the Hockey Association Cup. Reading renewed their challenge for the national league title with a 3-1 home win over Canterbury.

Ito: spectacular

Reading achieved their victory with a goal by Pearn from a short corner and two by Osborn, one from a penalty stroke and the other from open play in the first half. Mathews replied for Canterbury seven

minutes from time. Cannock, the leaders, however showed they intend to maintain their position with an impressive 7-0 away win over Bournville, Crutchley's three goals bringing his total for the season to 30 in 16 matches. Despite a 3-1 victory over Guildford, Old Lough-

It was not a happy day for captaincy of a depleted Havant side for their trip to Southgate. His penalty stroke early in the second half went astray and Southgate inflicted a further wound when Attala converted a similar award a minute later for a 4-0 lead.

Southgate had, by half-time, scored three goals through Danny Kerry on the rebound from a short corner. Waugh from open play and Sean Kerry from another short corner. Pattison eventually hit the target in the 64th minute for Havant but Waugh added another goal for Southgate a

minute from time for a 5-1 victory.

Sean Kerly scored three goals for Richmond from open play in the second division match against Slough, who lost 6-1, but Richmond, with one match to play, are not yet safe from relegation. In Saturday's cup quarter-

finals. Southgate were out-gunned by Old Loughtonians. Mason's splendid goalkeeping for Reading spelt the end of Guildford, and Teddington kept their composure to shatter the hopes of Canterbury. Finally, East Grinstead prevailed over Havant, the home side, by the odd goal in seven in a late flurry of excitement.

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Archer may gain in spite of loss

SIMON ARCHER and Julie Bradbury lost their first All England badminton championship final on Saturday but almost certainly earned a seeding for a medal position at the Olympics in Atlanta (Richard Eaton writes).

The English pair were beaten 15-10, 15-10 by Park Joo-Bong and Ra Kyung-Min, of South Korea, in the tournament at the National Indoor

Arena, Birmingham.

Park, regarded by many as the greatest doubles player. looks almost as quick as ever. despite two periods of retire-ment. His ambition of returning to win another Olympic gold, now that mixed doubles has been added to the Games, looks within his grasp.

The English might have done better, though, but for Archer's ankle injury which progressively worsened through the tournament. However, the impression left by the semi-final victory over Jan-Erik Antonsson and Astrid Crabo, of Sweden, who had denied them a world championship medal last year, was that Archer and Bradbury are improving.

England champion said to be a one-title wonder, rid himself of that label by winning the men's singles again with a 15-6, 15-6 victory over Rashid Sidek, the Commonwealth champion. Bang Soo-Hyun won the women's title.

Robinson wonders what he did wrong

By NICHOLAS HARLING

MARK ROBINSON spent most of yesterday in a state of bewilderment, wondering what he had done to upset Mike Hanks, the enigmatic coach of Manchester Giants. Within 12 minutes of the start of the Budweiser League basketball fixture in the Granby Halls, Robinson had collected 16 points for the Giants against Leicester City Riders. Yet he was then summoned to the bench to play no further part in a game that the Giants lost by the embarrassing margin of 109-89 to the league's

on," Hanks said. "I am not at liberty to talk about

"I don't understand it," Robinson said. "I have no idea of what I did wrong. I don't think I have missed a shot. apart from two free throws. When he took me off, I thought it might only be for a minute, but then it was half-time and he carried on with the same players who had finished the first

As the Giants fell ever further behind to the accurate three-point shooting of Gene Waldron, whose 41 points included four from longrange, the same as Rich Aigner in his 28 points, the other Manchester players pleaded with Hanks for their normally high-scoring 6ft 5in

American forward to return. There was no response.
"What did you do?" they asked their team-mate.

sive exercise, with the Giants Coincidentally, Robinson returns to the same court on Wednesday, when he will expect to be afforded far more

court-time by Jim Brandon,

hastened by 22 points from Tony Windless and 20 from Steve Bucknell in front of a crowd of 4,865.

ished with 19 points, the decisive figures.

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HAVING put themselves within striking distance of their first national women's league hockey title. Hightown are showing few signs of weakening (Alix Ramsay writes). On Saturday, they pulled two points clear of the chasing pack by defeating Sutton Coldfield 1-0.

They were missing their top striker. Tina Cullen, who was away in Russia on international duty with Great Britain, but her absence made little difference, Trish Maudsley scoring what proved to be the the decisive goal from a penalty

corner just before half-time. Sutton Coldfield's loss pushed them down to third place in the premier division while Ipswich rose to second position by beating Clifton 1-0, Debbie Rawlinson scoring the only goal. Ipswich then went on to beat Loughborough Students 3-0 in the AEWHA Cup yesterday to reach the quarterfinals of thast competition. Slough, the league champi-

ons, are currently languishing

in sixth place and are not

enjoying a happy season. On

Saturday they were beaten 1-0

by seventh-placed Doncaster

but then took out their frustration on Woking, of the second division, in the cup. They strolled into the quarter-finals with six goals from Kate White, Lesley Hobley, Helen Thornally, Sally Eyre, Karen Brown and Sharon Dendy. For Rachel Smith, the week-

end had nothing but happy memories. It was her goal after four minutes that beat Slough, and she repeated the feat after five minutes yesterday as Doncaster defeated Harleston Magpies 1-0 to move through to the next round of the cup.

Hightown turn up the heat

second-from-bottom club. We've got some internal problems that we need to work

half."

Poul-Erik Hoyer, the All

"You're here with me, what did I do?" Robinson replied. "Maybe he was trying to find out how the team reacted without me." It was an expenslipping to their successive defeat.

> coach of the North team for the All-Star game. Exploiting the surprise 78-72 defeat of Brandon's club, Sheffield Sharks, at Birmingham Bullets on Friday, the London Towers enhanced their title claims with an 87-72 victory at Newcastle Comets that was

The Sharks made up for that lapse by winning 73-63 at Worthing Bears last night. Colin Irish, the Bears' playercoach - scorer of 29 points in his team's 109-94 defeat at Thames Valley Tigers the previous night - added another 35, but to no avail. since the Sharks had, in Todd Cauthorn, an outstanding rebounder, and Roger Huggins. a consistent scorer, who finaround

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FA YOUTH CUP: Fifth round: Crystal Palace v Watlord. **RUGBY UNION**

WRU MEWEEK COMPETITION, Pool C Liamharan y Cardel Institute (7 0) OTHER SPORT

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UEFA UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP:
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England (7-45)

LEAGUE OF WALES: Bengor City v
Porthmadog, Cornah's Quay v Rhyt,
Lansanthiad v Birron Ferry (8-0)

RISH LEAGUE COCA-COLA FLOODLIT

CUP: Final Outtorytie v Glentoran (at
Windsor Park, Belfast). RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCHES. Bath v Army (7.15). Lydnoy v Gloucester (7.0). Macsteg v Abertisery (7.0). Mountain Ash v Abertinon (7.0): Northampton v RAF (7.30); Pertarth v Cross keys (7.3) BADMINTON: England

10446. 6. A Jackson (Stourport) 1:05.16.
Teams: 1, Bridgend 48ps; 2, Westbury 64,
3, Stourport 71. Women: 1, S. Rigo (Warrington) 1:13-04 (course record): 2, D. Sanderson (Westburt) 1:14.22; 3, M. Sutton (Westbury) 1:14.40; 4, T. Swindell (Thurnock) 1:16:57, 5, L. Hollick (Sruthesbury Barrel 17:37; 6, K. Rustrion (Southampton City) 1:19:24. Teams: 1, Birchfield 498; 2, Rowhseth 753. Brockwell Park: Frank Harmer Memorial Frank Harmer Memorial (10cm): 1, A Green (Both) Racers) 31min 06ser; 2, D Robrison (Herne Hill) 31.29, 3, M Boyle (Home Hill) 31:39, Team: Herre Hill Spix

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BIRMINGHAM: Yonex All-England Championships: Finals: Men: Singles: H Larsen (Den) bt R Sidek (Malay) 15-7, 15-6 Doubles; R Mannely and R Subegola (Indo) bt C Soon Kit and Y Kim Hock (Malay) 15-6, 15-5. Women: Singles: Bang Soot-Hyun (Kor) bt Y Zheoying (Chrea) 11-1, 11-1. Doubles: G Fer and G Jun (Chrea) bt H Kirkegaard and R Olsen (Den) 15-7, 15-3. Mixed: Park Joo-Bong and Ra Kyung-Min (Kor) bt J Bradbury and S Archer (Eng) 15-10, 15-10

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA). Ch-cago 97 New Jersey 93; New York 94 Philiadelphia 88; Weshington 120 Ulah 115 (07), Marri 121 Houston 97; San Antonio 119 Atlenta 92; Golden State 99 Milwaukse BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Leicester 109

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Women: First division: Burningham 67
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88 Northampton 108; Plymouth 33 Sheffield
89; Spethoms 46 Barking 8 Degenham 47.
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RACING: Lingfield Park (2.10), Newcastle (2.20), Southwell (AW 2.30)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL
UEFA CUP: Quarter finals, second leg. PSV Enchoven (2) v Barcelona (2)* Roma (1) v Stave Prague (2)* Bordeau (0) v AC Man (2) (8 30). Notingham Forest (1) v Bayer Munich (2) (7 45)
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Acton Villa v Middlesbrough (7 45)
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BOXING

MGM GRAND GARDEN, Las Veges:
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EXHIBITION CENTRE, Glasgow: World Booking Organisation world feetherweight championship (12rds): Naseem Hamed (Sheffeld, holder) bt Seid Lavrel (Nigere) rsc 1st. Undercerch: Light-heavyweight (gros) Mark Prince (Birdon) bt John Perre (Navocastle) pts. Crussoveeight (ards) Kelly Offer (Brits) bi Markn o'Bhan (Lesds) rsc 2nd Super-indidleweight (gros); Robin Reid (Runoum) bt Andy Fluta (Coseley) rsc 7th. Middleweight (Gros), Jason Matthews (Hackney) bt John McAlpres (Glasgow) rsc 1st; Willia Quinn (Granent) bt Martin Jolley (Altreton) rsc 4th Light-middleweight (ards); Tommy Outmon (Franent) bt Mark Barnes (Emmingriery) pts. Westenweight (Gros), Allen McCowael (Reniew) bt Mark Barnes (Emmingriery) pts. Super-featherweight (Gros). Cassus Baloyi (SA) bt Peter Judson (Kegniley) pts. (Brod); Floyd Havard (Swansea) bt Sargo Pene (Dom) pts. Super-bentamwelght (Ards); Brisn Carr (Moodissburr) bt Chep O'Neal (Newcastle) pts.

BERLIN: World Boxing Organisation inter-continental heavyweight champtonship (12rds): Scott Welch (Enghton, holder) bt Joe Bugner (Aus) rsc 6th. World Boxing Organisation cruiserweight champion Organisation cruiservelight champion-ship (12rds). Roll Rocchigani (Ger, holder) bi Jay Snyder rec 4th CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHEELD (final day): Met-bourner, Victoria 152 and 456-3 dec; Western Austria CC3 and 439, Victoria with by 76 nms. Adelaider. South Australia 507-7 dec and 182-9 dec; Tasmerra 320 and 346. South Australia won by 21 nms. CYCLING

NtCE: Paris-Nice race: Eighth stage: First half (72km leg around Nice); 1, M Sciandh (GB) 1 hr 46min 48sec; 2, J Ochozola (Sp) and 3, M Glanetti (Swizz) same time; 4, T Steels (Be) at 7sec; 5 F Moncassin (Fr) same time. Second half (19 Skm time intel from Antibes to Nice); 1, C Boardman (GB) 21mm 16sec; 21. Armstrong (US) 21-40; 31. Jalabet (Fr) 21-45; 4. Brochard (Fr) 21-48; 5, F Vendenbrouche (Be) 21-49.

ROAD RACES: Grand Prix of Essex (Helstead, 94 miles): 1, W Randle Optimum Performance RT) 3rr 35ram 50sec; 2, J Remsbottom (North Wirrel Velo) at 3sec; 3, R Hayles (Team Ambroole) same time. Circuit of the Mendips (Bristol, 62 miles): 1, J Tonics (Parker International RT) 23500; 2, H Lodge (Safisbury RC) same time; 3, B Luchwell (Global Racing) at 100 VHE-Pace Trophy (Viennworth, South Yorkains, 80 miles): 1, R Clough (Strettond Wh) 223 33, 2, D Baker (Team GT) same time; 3, A Homby (Brough Wh) at 35sec
TIME-TRIALS: Porthole Grand Prix (Lake Winderman, 255 miles): 1, G Butter (Norwood Paregon) 57-44; 2, S Dangerfield (Parker International RT) 593(3; 3, P Manning (North Winal Velo) 59-32. Team: North Winal Velo 1932 2, CC Brookland (Norlolk, four-up team 50 Normetres): Leo RC (A Stapleton, G Dighton, M Pyne, G Teylor) 1/33-48.

EQUESTRIANISM

's-HERITOGENBOSCH, Holland: Volvo 's-HERTOGENBOSCH, Holland: Volvo World Cup quelifier: 1, Apricot D (H Simon, Austria) 0 in 26 01, 2 Vink Especials (E van der Vieuten, Holl) 0 in 28 27, 3, h's Otto (G Billington, GB) 0 in 30.05 Placings in Western Europeen Lesgue for World Cup; 1. H Simon (Austria) 99, 2, F Sloothaak (Ger) 83; 3, L Beerbaum, Ger) 76, British placings: 8, N Skelton 48; equal 17, J Whitaker 36, equal 21, M Whitaker 34; 24, D Lampard 32 Volvo World Cup dressage qualitier: 1, Cameleon Borfiler (A van Grunsvar, Holl) 76; 2, Jonggor's Weyden (6 Rotherberger, Holl) 75, 78; 3, Nobilis Ankory (f Werth, Ger) 75,49.

FENCING

BATH: British Sabre championships: Merc 1, J Williams (Salle Frohich); 2, K Zevleh (Salle Frohich); 3, D Sach (Harmay-smath) and R Sharma (Salle Frohich); Womerc 1, S Benny (Clastoribusy); 2, L Bond-Williams (Eventam); 3, S Martin (Mattield) and J Moms (Flormsey). GOLF

DUBAI: Desert Classic: Leading Sine scores (GB and ine unless stated): 270: C Montgomerte 67, 68, 67, 68 271: M A Jimene: Spl 63, 68, 70, 70 274: R Willia: [Aus] 69, 67, 70, 68, 275: F Couples (US) 69, 69, 72, 65, 276: P Baleer 71, 57, 66, 72; R Jums 70, 68, 65, 73, 277: C Mason 68, 73, 70, 65, T Bjorn (Den) 70, 71, 67, 69; J Townsend (US) 64, 71, 71, 71: Woodsnam 69, 62, 65, 74 278: M Moutend 71, 69, 72, 68; R Claydon 72, 69, 69; J Holegyman (Swe) 68, 72, 69, 69; T Johnstone (Jim) 71, 65, 69, 72, 72, 73, 74, 74, 75, 71; 72, 170; T Lawris 67, 74, 75, 71; 73, 70; P Mitchell 71, 70, 70; J Spence 68, 68, 70, 74 281: P Lawris 67, 71; 73, 70; P Mitchell 71, 70, 70; J 71, 73, 70; P Mitchail 71, 70; 70, 70; I Garrido (So) 67, 75, 69 70; M Davis 75, 65, 70, 71; E Romero (Ang) 70, 70, 69, 72, Other 282; P Broadhurst 69, 69, 72, 72; D Gallord 68, 70, 71, 73, 283; D Ferherry 70, 69, 73, 71, 284; A Cepta (Gery 69, 73, 71, 71, 282; S Ballesteros (Sp) 71, 70, 74, 77

ORLANDO, Floride: Bay Hill Invitational: Leading third-round scores: (US unless stated): 208: 9 Boros 73, 67, 65, 7 Burka 71, 66, 69, 207: J Maggert 72, 65, 70 208: P Goydos 67, 74, 67; L Nelson 72, 65, 70 208: P Goydos 67, 74, 67; L Nelson 71, 70, 67: T Puttzar 69, 70, 69; M O'Meara 67, 72, 69 209: C Bwruth 71, 74, 64, V Singh (Fip 73, 71, 65; T Watson 75, 68, 66; W Mayfair 69, 73 67; D Love III 69, 72, 68, 69; S Jones 69, 70, 70, 210; S Ethington (Aus) 71, 71, 68. 211; C Pawn 69, 70, 72, 212; Y Mizumaki (Japont 73, 69, 70, 214; E Be; 634) 73, 70, 71, 215; R Allenby (Aus) 74, 71, 70; M Kuramoto (Japont 72, 73, 71; F Allen (SA) 74, 69, 72, 8 Langer (Ger) 73, 69, 73, 216; M Price (Zim) 72, 73, 71, G Watte (NZ) 76, 68, 72

FOR THE RECORD

TUCSON, Arizone: LPGA Ping/Welch Chemplonship: Leading if indrovund scores (US unless stated): 204: D Ammaccapane 72, 68, 66, 208: C Jointson-Forber 71, 70, 65, 208: D Eggeling 69, 70, 69; L Neumann (Swe) 68, 71, 69; P Sheehean 71, 65, 71, 210: M Lumn (Aus) 71, 71, 65; K Tscheriter 71, 70, 69; 211: B Burton 69, 74, 66; H Kotosyashi (Japan) 73, 68; 69; K Webb (Aus) 70, 72, 69, A Sorbristam (Swe) 75, 56, 70; S Tumer 73, 59, 70; M McGarn 69, 69, 74, 212: K Marshall 70, 72, 70, 213: K Davies (69) 73, 71, 68; H Affredson (Swe) 72, 70, 71, 214: A Nicholas (GB) 72, 71, 71, C Matthrew (GB) 72, 67, 75; A Discos (Per) 70, 69, 75, Other scores: 215: Carotine Pierce (GB) 71-70-74, Trish Johnson (GB) 68-73-74 74. Insh Johnson (GS) 68-73-74
JAKARTA: Indonesian Open: Leading final scores: 271: E Frysti (GB) 67, 65. 68, 71. 274: J Rutisdge (Carl) 72, 70, 68, 64; D Chopra (Swe) 72, 68, 66; D 270: A Partier JAUS 68, 70, 71, 69: 277: J Berenot: (Avg) 68, 69, 72, 69; R Todd (Carl) 68, 73, 67, 69
278: J Cook (US) 72, 73, 87, 66, J Sedowsky (US) 70, 71, 69, 68; D Walsworth (US) 67, 74, 68, 69.

SABAH, Malaysis: Sebah Mesians: Loading final scores: 282- T Wratchart (Flas) 72, 71, 70, 69, 284: J Wagner (Aus) 73, 60, 71. 74, Lin Chih-chen (Tawan) 70, 72, 74, Lin Chih-chen (Tawan) 70, 72, 74, Lin Chih-chen (Tawan) 74, 71, 73, 68; 287: D Bransdon (Aus) 73, 70, 72, 72. 68: 287: D Bransdon (Aus) 73, 70, 72, 72, 1APAN: Shitzuoka Open: Leading final scores (Japanese unless stated); 211: Y Salamoto 71, 72, 68: C Franco (Par) 68, 72, 71; N Sartzawa 71, 89, 71 (Salamoto von play-off alter rain washed out lourth round); 212: E Herrera (Col) 70, 69, 73, 213: D Ishi (US) 74, 70, 69, 214: H Kase 68, 72, 74, 215:T Hamilton (US) 74, 75, 66; Y Kaneko 73, 75, 67; T Fukuzawa 70, 74, 71, 216: H Méyase 75, 71, 70; K Kanayawa 77, 69, 70; P Sanlor (Aus) 73, 72, 71.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL) Prisburgh 4 NY Islanders 2: Hartford 2 Bullato 1, Philadelphia 3 Winnipeg 0; Montreal 4 NY Rangers 2; Edmonton 5 Los Angeles 2. Immyets C, comonion 5 Los Angeles 2 BRITISH CHAMPIONISHIP: Plany-offer, Group Ar. Basingstoke 5 File 3; Shafheid 8 Nothigham 0. Group B: Durham 3 Cardiff 2. Promotion/Relegation play-offs: Group A: Blackburn 8 Milton Keynes 5; Guidford 6 Brackmel 3, Group B: Slough 2 Manchester 7; Swindon 11 Durhinse 9. LACROSSE

SHEPHERDS PRIENDLY SOCIETY: Pre-mier division: Cheadle 21 Hulmetans 3. Boardman and Ecoles 14 O Waconians 10: Heaton Marsey 7 Stockport 9; Melor 20 Ponton 3, Cheadle Hume 11 Sheffield 9

RACKETS QUEENS CLUB: Lacoste British Open Doubles Championship: Semi-finals: Male and J Prem bit R Wakely and G Barke

15-11, 15-12, 15-4, 15-10; W Boone and T Cockroft bt M Hugh Wilhams and P Brake 11-15, 15-2, 15-7, 15-9, 15-4. Final: Boone and Cockroft wo Male and Prenn scr REAL TENNIS

HAMPTON COURT BRITISH LAND AMA-TEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: J Show for P. Jarvis 60, 6-1, 6-0, M. Howard of 1 Snell 6-5, 6-2. Final: Show of Howard 6-2, 6-4, 6-4

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MCRTLAKE Women's Haard of the Rest,

1, Kingston/Thermes/Tideway Scullers, (Brileh heavyweight squad) 18min 24sec (poin
winners); 2, Dutch squad 18 40 (oversess
winners), 3, Bedford/Grosvenor/Huncom/
Thernes Tradesmen/Weybridge (British
lightweight squad) 19min 12 48sec; 4,
London Universey/Iyan/Pricenty, 19:12.56,
5, Cambridge University A 19:20 (University
winners); 6, Tideway Scullera A 19:31 (club
winners); 7, Tharnes C 19:32; 8,
Kingston/Southampton University 19:34
(Senior two winners); 9, Imperial College A
18:40, 10, Tharnes Tradesmen A 19:49,
Other division winners: Senior three:
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FOOTBALL: English Gills Shield: Semifinal; Gravesham 1 Subran 4. Southern
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Semi-final: Cueens Park 2 Richard
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BANGKOK: Thailand Open: Semi-finals: A McManus tx P Ebdon 6-5, K Daherly (Ire) bt S Hendry (Scot) 6-3.

SPEEDWAY EAST MIDLANDS BOWL: First leg: Coven-try 55 Long Eaton 41 SQUASH

FAREHAM: Abshot Women's Open: S Homer (Eng) bt I. Martin (Aus) 9-5, 2-9, 9-5, 9-6; S FitzGereld (Aus) bt S Winght (Eng) 6-9, 1-9, 9-4, 9-0, 9-3 Final: FitzGerald bt Homer 9-4, 9-4, 9-1

TABLE TENNIS

BRIGHTON: English National Championships: Singles: Men: Quarter-finals: B Blington (Derbys) bt C Oldfield (Yorke) 21-15, 18-21, 21-12, 21-13, C Presn (IoW) bt J Holland (Essee) 21-11, 21-10, 21-11; A Perry (Devor) bt A Eden (Warwicks) 21-12, 21-12, 21-18, A Cook (Derbys) bt J Taylor (Lancs) 21-13, 21-11, 23-21 Women: First sound: A Holt (Lencs) bt S Collier (Berks) 21-8, 21-11, 21-16; A Broe (Berks) bt S Riuccoo (Essea) 19-21 21-18 21-13, 21-7, N Deaton (Derbys) bt L Thornton (Lencs) 21-18, 21-15; 23-13; H Lower (Stafe) bt C Newns (Cheshvel) 21-11, 21-9, 21-11, L Radford (Essed) bt M Thorntoy (Lancs) 21-16, 21-19, 21-18; G Schwartz (Berks) bt C Gless (Devonshire) 21-9, 19-21, 21-13, 21-13

TENNIS COPENHAGEN: Men's tournament:
Finsts: Singles: C Poline (Fr) bit K Cartsen
(Den) 6-2, 7-6 Doubles: L Prinek (Bel) and
B Tabox (SA) bit W Arthurs and A Kratzmann
(Aus) 7-6, 3-6, 6-3
INDIAN WELLS, Castiornia: Men's tournement: Singles: Semi-finals: M Chang (US)
bit M Rios (Chile) 7-6, 6-3: P Haerhuis (Hoth
bit G Ivarisseric (Co.) 6-2, 7-6 Doubles: Semi-finals: T Woodbridge and M
Woodbride (Aus) bit B Black (2m) and G
Cormel (Can) 6-3, 6-3; B MecPhie (US) and
M Teibhut (Aus) bit T Kronemann (US) and
D MacPherson (Aus) bit 7-6, 7-6 Doubles: S
Schulz-McCamp (Hoth and C Ruber (US)
bit J Hatland-Decugle and N Taucret (US)

BURTON ON TRENT: LTA worker series: Semi finals: Menr: J Fox (Lincs) bit M Wyeth (Modoly 6-2, 6-7, 6-1, M ingham (Lancs) bit O Gatres (Harts) 6-4, 6-2, Final: Fox br ingham 5-7, 6-1, 7-6, Women: V Cadded (Lancs) bit O Dingham (Surrey) 6-4, 6-3: C Drummond (Notis) bit 3 Jackson (Lencs) 6-1, 4-1, Each Coddlet, Drummond 7-8, 6-

VOLLEYBALL ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE MIND First division: Ruceror Jets 0 Cay of Glasgow Ragazz 3 (*-15, 13-15, 7-15), BA Mosregor Glazerg 3 Paskey Teatblazes 2 (10-15, 15-10, 8-15, 15-12, 15-19); Babehij Cardinal 3 Kilmarnock 2 (15-8, 16-17, 16-14, 12-15, 15-8) Grange 1 Falksk 3 (15-10, 10-15, 7-15, 9-15)

Women: First division: Rucanor Jess 3 Clydevalley 0 (15-12, 15-11, 15-13), MCA Cardinals 3 News Ayrshire Kyle 1 (15-8, 9-15, 15-10, 15-2); Stiffing Salms 3 Team Blantyre 1 (15-5, 11-15, 15-5, 15-8).

WINTER SPORTS

HOLMENKOLLEN, Norwey: Nordic World Cup. Combined: Ski jump (Saturdey): 1, B Engen Vik. (Nor) 247 6 pts. 2, H Mammann (Fin) 236-61; 3, M Fucers (Ca) 222: 14, N Bail (Fin) 220 1 5, K Ogwara (Japan) 214.9; 8, K Tore Apetand (Nor) 2135 1 5ton erosacountry (Sunday): 1, J Beard Boen (Nor) 40 02 2: 2, T Ener Elden (Nor) 41.00 8: 3, M Zanucch (Swoz) 42014; 4, H Sard (Nor) 42134, 5, S Gullaume (Fin) 4217.3; 8, F Guy (Fin) 42 18 8 Overalk 1, Engen Vik. 2 Tore Apetand; 3, Skard; 4, Zanucch; 8, Gullaume; 8, N Bai (Fin) 5ki jump; 1, A Makvs; (Fin) 249 4, pts. 2, J Annen (Fin) 424 B. 3, M Harada (Japan) 242.2; 8, A Goldberger (Austria) 224.5; 8, F Scharzenberger (Austria) 224.5; 8, J Weisshog (Ger) 228.9 Final standings; 1, Goldberger 1,416 points; 2, A Petka Nikola (Fin) 1,384: 3, Ahonen 1,054, 4, J Weisshog (Ger) 1,028; 5, Harada 982: 8, M Laitinen (Fin) 914 HOLMENKOLLEN, Norway: Nordic World

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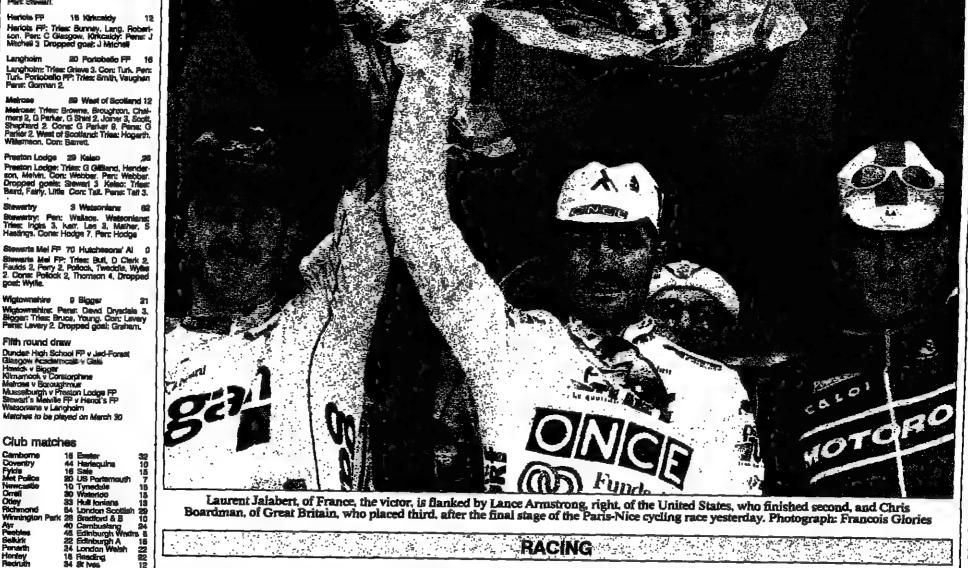
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OTHER SPORT

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WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Ouarter-finels, second leg. Juveraus (I) v. Real Mantel (I) Peruthramos (II) v. Lega Mantel (I) Peruthramos (II) v. Lega Mantel (I) Peruthramos (II) v. Nattel (I) (S.30), Ajax (2) v. Borussa Dostmund (II) FA CUP: Second nound replays (7.45), Iverpool v. Leeds Windowski Chelses FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP Bolton v. Tottorham (7.45), Mantelon v. Sheffold Hodgodd, (III) Sournatton v. Sheffold V. Sheffold V. Sheffold V. Sheffold V. Sheffold

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division (7.45); Emmoham v Woot Bromwich: Port Vale v Norwich

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Third devision Attion vision East Steing LEAGUE OF WALES; Corners Bay vi Flat Town (7.45). Contry: Caemarton (7.45). Control vi East Yale: Ton Perfec vi Lianali.

RLIGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES Royal Nasy v Comwall (at The Rectory Plymouth, 7 0): Surrey v Kent (at Imber Court 7 30)

BUSA CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Carolfi IHE v Loughborough (at Twelsonham, 30)

OTHER SPORT

ICE HOCKEY: British League: Champ-lonship play-offs: Newcastle v Humberside (7 0). Promotion-relegation play-offs: Manchester v Swindon (7 30)

RACING: Exter (2.10), Luciaw (2.0) Towcasser (2.20)

4.10 (4m 21 ch) 1. Another Brouse (B Powell, 14-1) 2. Feathered Gale (10-1), 3. Moorcroft Boy (20-1), 4. Nazzaro (5-1), Kileshri 11-4 (av (f), 17 ran NR. Unholy Alkance, Det. 71 E M C'Sullivan (he) Tole-£14-20, £2.50 £2.20 £3 60 £1 60 DE £48-20 Trio. £66-60 CSF-£136 72. Tricast £2.557 63 Tricast 22.557 69
4 40 (2m Ed 116/oct hole) 1. Yes Men (J. F. Tide), 6-11, 2. Liza (10-11, 3. Hoodwinker (6-11, 4. Steel Moss (7-1) Lord Ol Tho West 5-1 lav 18 mm Hd. (3-1 Mess H Knight Tote 65-90 61-70, 62-20 62-50, 61-90 0F 629-50 Tho 645-10 GSF 667-05 Tricast 2469-07

5.10 (2m hole) 1. Plying Instructor (R Bullarry, 4-1) 2. Charto (9-2); 3. Monetare (2-1 lav) 16 rain 10, 241 P Wichber Ten £5-90 £200 £200, £1 10 DF £12.40 Ten £10 to CSF £22.63. Jackpot: not won (pool of \$9,560.23) railfied forward to Newcastle today).

GUIDE TO THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS: CUP. Quarter-finals, second leg Rapid Verna (1). Dynamo Missone (0) Park Sant-German (0). Park Sant-German (0). Deportivo la Coruna (1) (6 30): Feyenoord (2). Borusse Mondrongastood (2).

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Doncaster (1.35), Plumpton (2.25), Writsanton (2.15) SNOOKER: Embacsy world champonship qualifying [Tellord] SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Ipswich v Gradity Heath and Stoke

SOUASH: Equitable Life Super Senes play-ct! finals (Husfield)

SWIMMING: British Olympic Inelia (Shetheld)

TABLE TENNIS: European Men's League relegation play-off, first leg: England v Poland (Biglichley)

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division (1 45): Bohermans v Deny, Cork v Athlone, SI Parrick's Athletic v Drogheda

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League (8 0) Newcastle v Leacester, Loopards Wortning

MOTOR SPORT: Vauntial Rally of Wales

RACING: Doncaster (1.30) Hereford (2.10) Folso (2.15) Newtoury (1.50)

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SWIMMENG: Brash Olympic

Daily Boy (13-2); 3, Ham N° Eggs (14-1) 17 ran 2.50 1, Wudimp (4-7 (ev.); 2. Doday (66-1): 3, Outrali Crossott (40-1) 9 ran 3, 20 1, Carley Lad (11-8 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Uron V (12-1), 3, Declarossor (12-1) 9 ran 3.55 1, Richardson (7-2); 2, Astingo (10-1); 3, Northorits (7-4 lav) 6 ran 4.25 1. Dark Dawn (11-2), 2. Washake (7-2)-Rayl, 3. Green Times (12-1). Corou-tel Rocket 7-2)-Ray 10 pm 4.551 Hyperion Son (6-4 fav), 2. Rovillor's Glory (7-2): 3. Flyps (10-1) 9 rm; NR Men Dr Maroet

5.25 1, Southern Cross (11-4); 2, Mr Teor. Components (8-1), 3, Generator (2-1 lav) 13 ran HEREFORD

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NEWCASTLE

2.15 1. Edelweis Du Moulin (4-7 tay) 2.

2.20 1. Hot Breeze (2-1 lan), 2, Stately Home (11-2); 3, Valsiky (3-1), 14 tan NR Malisatang, Okcardian Rocce 2.55 1. Dr Rocket (9-2), 2, Monks Jay (9-4 tax), 3, Esz-Asecy (5-2) 6 ran.

3.25 1. Star Market (9-2, Private Handi-

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ENDSLEIGH IMSURANCE LEAGUE: Pinet
division: Barrisloy v Southand, Charling v
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Millwall, Moronch v Dorby, Port Valo v
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v Oldham Tranmere v Reading, Welford v
Mcst Brumwech; Wolverhampton v

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Crise v Bradlord Hull v Walsoff, Oxford Utd v Burnley; Rotherham v Welcombo Streenburn v Brumomouth Stockpold v Brighton
Semdon v Posethorough, York v Notis
County Third division: Burnd v Scir
botough; Cambridge Utd v Mansfold;
Carolit v Present, Coldhoctor v Forquey;
*Exeter v Plymouth; Gillingham v Loyton
Orich; Harilopool v Bury; Horoford v
Barlington Lincoln v Doncaster, Northermpton v Chester; Rochdolo v Wigan, Scunthorpe v Fullham
VALIXHALL CONFERENCE; Ketinning v
Kodermester, Morecambo v Familionough
Runcom v Hestingstod; Solugh v
Stalybridge; Tetlord v Southport; Wolling v
Doyonham and Redbindge, Woking v
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Dovor SBLL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE Promise divisions Abordoon v Hiberman Hearts v Partick Kitmarrook v Raith, Motherwell v Cellic, Rangons v Falligh, Final division. Dumbarton v St Johnstone, Dumbar Und v Djotecarie Dumbarring v St Mirrer; Gronock Monton v Audito; Harrillian v Dumdoe. Second division; Ayr v Stating; Oydo v Montroog: East Fife v Stranger, Ourse of South v Forta: Stenhoussamuk, v Berwick

4.00 1, Howaryasun (9-4 lav); 2, All Weather (10-1); 3, Sr Noddy (12-1) 13 ran NR: Barn Pool, Shoon Wind 4.30 1, Lying Eyes (8-4 tav); 2, Martrers Mirror (7-4); 3, Handy Last (14-1) 7 (8); 5.00 1, Oscell An Doras (7-4 tav); 2, Aat El Acil (5-2), 3, Ponnino Poco (16-1) 7 ran NR. Lumumbo Days, Russe Croft, Super Sharp 5.30 1. Haile Doming (4-5 lav), 2. Corlowen (8-1), 3. Glorbrook Fort (8-1), 12 ren NR Captain Coo, Rugrat, Spring Grass

capper's top ratings, 2, Corrin HM (11-2); 3, Lawnswood Junior (8-1) Mead Court 5-2 tov. 8 ran, NR: Supreme Master

2.25 1. Shoriffmuir (6-4 lav); 2. Tukano (13-8); 3, Friendly House (9-1); 7 ren

LINGFIELD PARK

3.00 1, Bender Mark (3-1 ji-lev), 2, Briffwek Bobble (33-1), 3, Firmsy Truth (9-2), Macter Hurter 3-1 ji-lev 14 ran 3.00 1, Tickerty's Giff (9-4 tan), 2, Will Fly (9-2) 3, Koon To The Last (5-2) 6 ran 4.05 1, Johnstons Buck (11-4); 2, Bright

Third divisions Abson v Ross County, Alica v Livingston, Brochin v Cowdenbeath; Caledonian Thelle v Arbrooth, East String Categorian Timelle v Arbreath, East String v Quoon a Park.

LEAGUE OF WALES: Aborystwyth v Control is Quay, Commartion v Llandik, Control Bay v Correy Ebbs Vale v Newtown: Film Town v Llansanthrad: Hotwork v Ownburn; hiter Cardiff v Bangor Cily, Portimadog v Barry Rhyl v Alan Lido. Ton Pontre v Balton Ferry

RUGBY UNION
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PILKINGTO CLIP: Semi-finals: Bath v
Gloucostor; London kinch v Lecussiae (2.15)
COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIPFirst division. Wasper v Salo West Hardepool v Hardequins Second division: Mortov v
Hardequins Second division: Mortov v
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Park v Rugby Fourth division: Exclor v
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Helen's v Haven't, London Wet-in v Redurin
(2.45) Waseal v Phyrouth.
PILIGINGTON SHIELD Wollingborough
Old Grummanurs v Hoston (at Bridgheater,
2.30) Modorle v Old Centralains (at
Watefold, 2.0) RUGBY UNION

Waterico, 2 vi SWALEC CUP: Ouarter-finals (2.30) Ua-neth v Cardiff, Newbridge v Pontypridd Newport Dunward, Newbridge v Pontypridd Newport Durwort, Newbridge v Pontypada: Rewport v Carphilly (Sarphilly (NSBRANCE CORPORATION LEAGUE (2:30) First division: Blackroch College v Si Many's College: Cark Constation v Carrydwen Instensions v Citi Wesley Sharmon v Ballymuna. Young Muncher v Lansdown Second division: Booker Ranges v NIFC; Dungamen v Browning College. Majore v Delohm, Sunday's Wolf v Cloritat Wandorse's v Greystones

RUGBY LEAGUE SELK CUT CHALLENGE CUP Some final Bradford v Louds (at Huddenstold 2 (5) OTHER SPORT MOTOR SPORT: Vaudeal Finly of Wales

BASKETBALL Budwelser League: Derby v Chestor (8 0), Thames Valley v Docaster (8 0), Worthing v Hernel Hompstead (6 0) ICE HOCKEY: British League: Champooraship play-ofts: File v Basungstoke (7 15): Cardiff v Newcaste (6 15): Rottingham v Shoftwid is 30). Humbersade v Durnam (6 30) Promotion/relegation play-ofts: Brackhell v Blackburn (6 0): Durnines v Bourgh (7 30), Mitton Koynes v Guiddiod (6.30). RACING: Bangor (2 10). Doncaster (2 0), Longfold Park (AW. 2 25). Newburn (1 0). SQUASH: Equitable Life Super Senes play-off Imals (Hartfold). SWIMMING: British Olympic mals (Sheffold). SUNDAY

November (7-4 tev); 3. Crohane Quay (5-1), 5 ran

5.35 1, Ceffic Park (10-11 fav), 2. Chiled (7-2), 3. Gunner John (50-1), 7 ran NR: The

WOLVERHAMPTON

7.00 1. Dombey (4-5 lav), 2. Cuban Nights 110-1), 3. Rostag (7-1) 7 ran NR Hever Golf Eagle Nautical Jewel

7.30 1, Hill Form Dancer (3-1), 2. Healthyards Rock (11-8 tev); 3, Tartan Gem

B.00 1. Mass Offset (7-1) 2. Maitoamali [4-1], 3. Victor Of Love (13-2) Procupal Boy 3-1 lav 9 ran

8.30 1, Backview (9-1), 2, Comtec': Legend (12-1), 3, Swordlang (14-1) Lear Dancer 9-4 lav 12 ram

9.00 1. Ohes-C (11-4), 2. Mysic Tempo (2-1 lov), 3. Maimo Street (12-1) 6 ran

9.30 1. Explosive Power (4-1) 2. Golden Touch (3-1 lav) 3. Zahid (11-2) 13 ran

8.05 1, Nathir (5-2 lov), 2, Same Ditle (6-1); 3, Mirage Dancer (3-1); 5 ran

FOOTBALL
COCA-COLA CUP: Final, Asion Villa v
Lordo: (al Wombloy 5.0)
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Manchester
Undod v Tottorham (a. 0)
ENDS-LEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE, First
division: Huddersheld v Groreby (1.0) OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL Budwelser League; Chester V Newcaste (50), Shefreid v Manchoster (615), Hemol Hampotead v Lecoster (130), London Towers v Birmorphum (50), London Towers v Birmorphum (50), London Towers v Lecoster (130), London Towers v Letternationals; Manz England v

Birmarp...m (6 0).

HOCKEY: Internationals: Merr. England y India Women: England v France (both at Mitton Keynes).

ICE MOCKEY: British League: Champ-lorship play-ofte; File v Notingham (6 20).

Carolif v Humbersido (6 15): Sheried v Bussingstone (6 30). Mercasilo v Durtam (6 30). Promotion/relegation play-ofte; Dischburn v Guydford (6 0); Handherfer V Durthres (6 0), Mitton Keynes v Brashnelf (6 0); Swinden v Sough (6 0). Sounden v Sough (6 0). Sounden v Sough (6 0).

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3.10 MARCH HOVICES

Rough Quest taken out of National

CONNECTIONS of Rough Quest, who beat all bar imperial Call in the Cheltenham Gold Cup last week, yesterday dismissed what appeared to be a winning opportunity in the Martell Grand National by withdrawing their horse from the equation a week on

The complexion of the Grand National will change considerably if Jodanii, due to carry top weight of 11st 7lb. fails to make the line-up. Peter Beaumont, who trains Jodami, assesses the II-year-old's prospects as "no better than

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DUKE OF PERTH (4.20 Newcastle) Next best: Donjuan Collonges (4.50 Newcastle)

50-50" after the throat infection that denied him an outing in the Gold Cup. Rough Quest, the proverbial

certainty with a mark of just 9st 12lb, will instead be aimed at the Irish Grand National seven days after Aintree. The Terry Casey-trained horse will almost certainly be allocated the maximum 12 stone at Fairyhouse after his official rating soared by 191b in the wake of his improved showing at Cheltenham.

The horse couldn't be better after the Gold Cup, but we will definitely miss the National," Casey said yesterday. 'It may sound a bit soft but I'd hate to take the risk. I've



Killeshin and Sean Curran were unscathed after a crashing fall in the Midlands Grand National at Uttoreter on Saturday

discussed it with his owner, Andrew Wates, and we are both in agreement. We don't want to take the chance that

something might go wrong." Jodami, who has been cantering throughout his illness, yesterday completed a ten-day medication course and is to resume faster work this week. However, the Irish National affords Beaumont more time

to prepare his former Gold Cup winner. "The horse has brightened up considerably but there is less than two weeks to Aintree," the trainer said. There must be a question mark for a race as demanding as the National. We will step up his work this week and see how he is, but it won't be the end of the world if we have to wait for Ireland."

With Tim Forster confirming Dublin Flyer an Aintree absentee yesterday, Jodami's defection would notionally promote last year's winner, Royal Athlete, to the top of the handicap. But the Jenny Pitman-trained horse, plagued by serbacks and unraced this term, is far from certain to take his chance.

Any significant rise in the

To deny punters their flutter is to create a

swell of pent-up ener-

gy. When the weather curtails

racing, as it has in this

truncated season, their re-

solve stiffens accordingly.

Well, the dam broke during

Cheltenham week. The bet-

ting ring was awash with

money — and punters were vanquished in the swamp

when a solitary favourite in

Only those high, in the

animal kingdom prospered in the swamp, a dangerous

pasture at the best of times. It

is no place for the meek. The

tweed-clad gazelies from

at the fringes, were swal-lowed whole. Their fivers on

the favourites were easy prey

for the vultures sporting

20 survived its billing.

weights would greatly favour the Tom Tate-trained Lo Stregone. At present 8lb out of the handicap, Lo Stregone is a 7-1 chance with Ladbrokes.

In the circumstances, the burden of top weight may pass to Young Hustler. Trained by Nigel Twiston-Davies, Young Hustler showed a zest previously lacking this term when

Lord of the ring survives

carnage in betting swamp

panic, bloodied beyond hope, they strutted this way and

that to be claimed, inevitably.

hungry. Try as they might,

these selective scavangers,

the value merchants, were

routed at every manoeuvre.

Their strategy was to ignore

prized scalps like Mr Mulli-gan and One Man. In con-

centrating on lesser pickings.

JULIAN

MUSCAT

Even the hyenas went

by the vulture's talon.

time he had his favoured [good] ground in a long time." said Twiston-Davies, who also plans to saddle Captain Dib-

ble in the Aintree spectacular. "Young Hustler is fine after the Gold Cup," the trainer continued. He won over the big fences in November but he's been to the National with a favourite's chance for the last two years and things have gone wrong. I just hope nothing gets in his way."

Before the National is contested there is the not inconsequential matter of the £4 million Dubai World Cup. to be run on dirt at Nad Al Sheba racecourse a week on Wed-

Runners from six countries were in the field released yesterday, among them Pentire and Needle Gun from Britain. France is to be represented by Pennekamp, but the contest essentially revolves around the Breeders' Cup Classic winner, Cigar, who overcame a minor hoof ailment to journey to Dubai on Saturday.

Ladbrokes yesterday gave supporters of Cigar every in-centive to back their fancy. quoting the Bill Mott-trained phenomenon at evens. They then bet: 5-1 Halling, 6-1 Pentire, Tamayaz, 10-1 Dare And Go, L'Carriere, And Go, L'Ca Pennekamp, 12-1 bar.

"Cigar might just be vulnerable," the firm's Mike Dillon said. "He faces a long journey, runs on a different racing surface and comes into the race off a small injury," Dillon ventured. "The Dubai-trained horses may not be the best but they have home advantage."

target. Although Klairon Da-

vis sustained him, his hunger

was by now insatiable. He

laid low until dusk descend-

ed. Then, with reflexes

sharpened and stomach turn-

ing, he struck one savage

blow. Wither or which way

he pounced, no beast knew;

The lion awoke on Thurs-

day with a burning scent in his nostrils. Again he bided

his time, and again he struck

with purpose. The call soun-ded for this imperial beast,

who restored his place in the

hierarchy with brio. Mean-

while, the injured elephant

The elephant and the lion

were soul mates; two animals

content with equal rights to

the swamp's apex. Previously the elephant had ruled, but

this time, wounded early, he

had taken a step back. Now

inspired by the lion, he struck out with a terrible vengeance.

If hunters of foxes are

common, this foxhunter was

to prove the exception. J. P.

McManus, elephantine in wallet and daring, knew be-yond doubt it was his last

chance. He required no sec-

ond prompting.
Nothing, least of all vultures, should question the

elephant's status in the king-dom. For McManus is the

space to the Irish lion.

least of all the vultures.

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER

2.20 Mill Thyme 3.50 Seven Towers 4.20 PUREVALUE (nap) 2.50 One For The Pot 4.50 Parsons Boy 5.25 My Buster 3.20 Northern Squire

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.20 MILL THYME.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

wanner. BF — besten tavourite in latest race) Going on which horse has won (F — first, good to first, band. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, beavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any afformance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

TOTE JACKPUT MEETING 2.20 WELCOME TO TIMEFORM NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE

(£2,155: 2m) (12 runners) | 1507 CM| (12 NUMBERS) |
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FORM FOCUS

to Clears Line in novice burdle over course and distance (sold) on perudinate start AQLI. THYME beat Cally Boy 14f in jevenile hundle over course and distance (spoot).

Selection: MTLI. THYME

2.50 WIN WITH TIMEFORM HANDICAP CHASE

(\$2,879: 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

1995: PERSIAN HOUSE 8-11-11 M Dayer (15-2) J Jellemon 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

WEWLANDS-GENERAL 111 2 of at 10 to Volume Warrior in kandicap chase at Domcaster (2m 3t 110yd good to firm) ISSSYM 2015 ha of 8 to Mister Oddy in handrap chase at Leicester (2m 11, good to soft) ONE FOR THE POT beat Baldine 15th in 5randicap chase at Cartiste (2m, pass mar).

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3.20 TIP-TOP TIMEFORM RATINGS HANDICAP HURDLE

SETTIME: 9-4 Steaght Son, 3-1 Coinc Brenzo. 5-1 Northern Square, 6-1 Circle Boy, Sansool, 8-1 Galaxy Rain, 14-

1986: CABH CHASE 7-11-1 M Breitren (9-4) O Stennen & ren FORM FOCUS

110yd, good) CIRCLE BOY basi edion 11i 3rd ol 25 to Carley Lad in handicap hardle over course DURIT INSTRUCES had easily the mason 141 2nd of 10 to Le Defector in nover chick here (2m, good) SLAUGHT 50M best Variey Garden 11 in 13-numer novices handicap hardle at Curistic (3m)

3.50 bet-compelling timeform commentaries handicap chase

1-1001 55VB TOWERS 11 (C.O.S) Win. 5 Variation Mr. 6 (a) By 7-12-0 P. Morton
4-123P3 MORA 88 (D.F.G.S) (Lord Chierman) G. Fathanta F-11-4 A. Debbin
6-431B4 TWB STATES 113 (D.F.G.S) (Lord State) F. Schart 10-12-14
PP-0-803 BORN DEEP 11 for 8 Morton 10-12-13 (Lord State) P. Carberry
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5-21-0-PD MIGRIANGMAN 20 (CD.G) (Mr. in Frazer) J. France (0-10-1 B. Marding (3)
5-30-0-PD MORDILLIST 24 (G.S) (Mr. S. 5 Branch) J. Mr. 5 Branch p. 10-1 Mr. K. Whelin (5)
5-066P5 SNOOK PORT 37 (6) (J. Janson) D. Lamb 9-10-1 BETTING Evens Sevan Towers 5-2 Born Deep 3-1 North, 12-1 Term States, 16-1 Smoot Pourt, 25-1 others

1985: DEEP DECISION 9-10-0 R Supply (6-1) ? Cheestrough 5 can

SEVEN TOWERS completed double less Consession From the Second St. N. 8-nower handscap chase at Carliste (2m 2), opposite DOPRY DEEP (5th better off) 44 Walks 1347 on 11-nother handscap chase at Nation (3m 1), good to solf) with temperature of the Second Consession Consession

4.20 NORTHERN ELECTRIC CHARITY CHALLENGE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE FINAL (£10,650; 2m) (14 runners)

BETTMIS, 9-2 Sharing Edga, 6-1 Emissione Design, 7-1 Jacks Leads, Fascan, 8-1 State The Cash, Purposing, 10-1 Curricrum Phagesdy, 12-1 Others

HASE NO CORRESPONDING PAGE

FORM FOCUS

DECUTIVE DESIGN both Gospel Song 3f in 11nume juversile hurdle at Ayr (2m., pood) JOCKS
CROSS best Mamutane 6i in 11-numer novice
turdle at Bangor (2m. 1 good to suft) SHMING
DEE both Royal Expression head at 9-numer
juversile hurdle at Ayr (2m., pood to firm) with
Selection: THURSDAY MIGHT
Selection: THURSDAY MIGHT

4.50 GLENGDYNE HIGHLAND MALT NOVICES CHASE

(Qualifier: £3,165: 3m) (17 runners)

SETTING: 7-4 Parsons Boy, Denjum Collenges, 8-1 Canalities II, 10-1 Cool Weather, 14-1 Go Silly, 25-1 Calamoy 33-1 others 1985: NRE-LINGAR 8-11-4 A Dobbin (25-1) J Charlton 8 mg

FORM FOCUS

PARSONS BOY that Over The Comb 11 in 4-namer powice chase at Seigerleid (5m 3), good to imm) on namer powice chase at Wetherby (3m 110yd, good to soil). CARABLLO it 15th 2nd of 6 to Respors Rock in nowice chase at Gariste (5m, good).

60 SILLY beat Call The Shots ½1 in 12-namer

Selection: DOMULIAN COLLONGES (nap)

5.25 THEFORM LARGE P INTERMEDIATE NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,439: 2m) (12 numers)

AUDITOR ACTION CHAOS 23 (Miss K Bramell) Mrs S Bernell 5-11-2 Mr K Wirelan (5) CHILL FACTOR (Miss E Simplesh) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-2 Mr K Wirelan (7) KRTLE MONSTAR (8 Hove) L Lungo 5-11-2 Mr F Perrate RIM RESEL 33 (Miss F Walton) F Walton 5-11-2 Mr P Johnson YKONG LAD (7 Johnson 1997) F Walton 5-11-2 Mr T Johnson AKTTO RACONG (Loyd Like Style) M Todantar 5-10-11 B Harding (3) AFDRINA (1 M Bracong) Mrs J Brown 5-10-11 E Contentar (5) CONNIE LEATHART 30P (D Survision Mis L Plater 5-10-11 A Massacs (7) 80 R.OWER OF MAP 105 (7 Survision Mis L Plater 5-10-11 C Billion (7) 2 MY GRISTER 16 (MST 1 Hall) Miss S Hall 4-10-8 N F Leathy (3) 4 SOUR TO SPEAK 11 (6 Breed) C Thombon 4-10-8 N Horrecks (7) B WHITEGATES WILLE 44 (8 Bowden) H Johnson 4-10-8 C G Calbit (5) All Mrs Burton 11-4 Story In Sweet 3-1 Chill Score 6-1 Flores III Mrs 10-1 Kristin 11-4 Story In Sweet 3-1 Chill Score 6-1 Flores III Mrs 10-1 Kristin 11-4 Story II Sweet II Mrs 10-1 Kristin 11-4 Story II Sweet II Mrs 11-4 Story II Sweet II Mrs 11-4 Story II Sweet II Mrs 11-4 Story II Sweet II Mrs 11-4 Story II Sweet II Sweet II Mrs 11-4 Story II Sweet II Sweet II Mrs 11-4 Story II Sweet II Sweet II Sweet II Mrs 11-4 Story II Sweet II Sweet II Mrs 11-4 Story II Sweet II S

BETTING: 7-4 My Bustor, 11-4 Slour To Speak, 3-1 Chill Factor, 6-1 Florer Di Nap, 10-1 Krife Moretar, 20-1 Caprain Clean, 25-1 offers 1995; NO CORRESPONDING TWOS

COURSE SPECIALISTS 3 5 60.0 P Carberry 11 42 252 P Niven 7 27 259 A 5 Smith 28 138 126 M Dayer 12 64 18.8 B Hinding W Botholi M W Easterby 136 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 J Alleson Mrs M Reveley P Cheesbroogn

☐ Pater Noster, trained by Julie Cecil and ridden by Paul Eddery, finished last of nine to Gunboat Diplomacy in Saturday's group three Prix Exbury at Saint-Cloud.

Milkman delivers winner

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

MILK might not be delivered Long also won the opening by horse and cart anymore, hunt race with the Linda but at least one milkman. Blackford-ridden Fly The Cyril Moate, retains his inter-Wind, and, with a dozen est in horsenower. horses at his Over Stowey Moate runs a 175-acre Somyard, he seems sure to add erset farm and delivers doormore successes. A former cavstep pints in Bridgwater, but alry instructor in the Life his first love is point-to-point-Guards, Long is a man who

ing. On Saturday he was the loves the job of training toast of the Quantock Staghounds' meeting at Cothel-"My background is with stone where one of the horses event horses, but this is such a he owns, West Quay, beat fantastic sport and I have been Butler John to win the Land lucky enough to get some very Rover men's open. good owners," Long said. Get-West Quay, who was ridden by Philip Hobbs's assistant. ting West Quay fit had been achieved through "a lot of hill Joe Creighton, missed last

work", he added. The hills in question are the Quantocks, which make a rb backdron to the course. old fit enough to win first time in use for the first time on out. A hunter chase is now on Saturday after the closure of Williton.

Anyone who rode a winner was happy to praise the new track, but Joe Tizzard, 16, will have fond memories after a double on Qualitair Memory and The Jogger, both owned by his father, Colin. Tizzard, from Milborne Port in Dorset, is still at school and is now clear in the race to be national novice champion with four

Andrew Parker, a former winner of the award, continued his attempt at the senior title with his fourteenth win on Drakewrath at the Eglinton meeting. Polly Curling's New Forest Buckhounds' double meant that she led the ladies' title race on Saturday night Winners. 1 Jones moved to ten, one ahead of Alison Dare, with a brace at

the Gelligaer Farmers'. PUNICIO POINT RESULTS 7/2

CAMBRIDGESHIRE (Horsehealth): Hunt:
1. Way Ol Life (J Ferguson, 6-4) 4 ran.
PPORA 1, Lucky Christopher (G Tarry, 2-7
lav) 7 ran Confined 1, Jimmy Mac Jimmy
(C Ward-Thomas, 25-1) 5 ran Open: 1,
Copper Thistie (P Talano, 1-8 lav), 3 ran.
Luclies: 1, Richard Hunr (Mass I. Rowe, 4-7
las 1 4 ran Restricted 1, Parkers Hills (S
Sporborg, 25-1) 10 ran Open Mdn 1-1,
Canadan Boy (A Tutton, 7-2) 12 ran
Open Mdn II. 1, Alias Silver (Miss H Irving,
9-4) 10 ran
FrailINTON (Lenark), Hunf. 1, Hamilton

season through injury, so credit is due to his trainer, Tim

9-1) 10 ran
EGUNTON (Lenark), Hunt 1, Hamiton
Lody (M Smith, 4-5 fav) 2 ran Confined: 1,
Master Kit (J Billinge, 2-1 fav), 10 ran
Ladres 1, Ready Steady (Mrs. K,
Hargreere, 8-4) 10 ran Open 1, Wally
Whelsh (R Ford, 6-1) 5 ran Reet: 1,
Drakewrath (A Porther, 7-4 fav) 12 ran
Open Mohl 1, Bootlands Himsel (R Ford, 5-2) 7 ran Open Mohl II-1, Schweysands
(R Ford, 3-1) 10 ran.

(Miss E Tarrotin, 3-1), 5 ran. PPOA: 1, Amoan Bride (Mess P Jories, 1-3 tav) 7 ran. Continued: 1, La Mezeray (Mrs J Hawkens, 4-6 tav), 8 ran. Missed Open: 1, Lighten The Load (A Wintle, 5-4), 5 ran. Intermediate: 1, Lucky Ole Son (Mass P Jones, 9-4 ji-lav); 5 ran. Malden I: 1, loccapade (S Blackwell, 9-4 tav), 9 ran. Mon II: 1, The Fun Ol II (E Williams, 3-1)

Witterns, 3-1)
HOLDERNSSS (Datton Park); Hunt: 1, Grey Husser (8 Walker, 8-15 hay). 3 ran. Confined: 1. Tobin Bronce (R Edwards, 2-1 fav). 10 ran. Open: 1, Zam Bee (N Est). 6-11 fav) 9 ran. Ledden 1. Peagade (Miss.) Wormall, 5-4 fav). 8 ran BFSSS: 1, Rambing Lord (T Bettendige, 7-2). 12 ran. Open: Midn. (Div. 1 part 1). 1, Bantchese (A Ogden, 7-1). 11 ran. Open: Midn. (Div. 1 part 1). 1, Tan. Open: Midn. (S Brisby, 3-1). 10 ran. Open: Midn. (S Brisby, 3-1). 10 ran. Open: Midn. (B T. Tom The Tank (C Mushall, 7-1). 15 ran. B-11 (art) 9 ran, Ladder 1, Peapade (Miss J. Wormal), 5-4 sav), 8 ran BFSS: 1, 1 cambing Lord (7 Betterdge, 7-2, 12 ran Open Mctr. (Div.) part (), 1, Bantchise (A. Cycler, 7-1), 11 ran Open Mctr. (Div.) part (), 1, Attle (5 Brisby, 3-1), 10 ran. Open Mctr. (1, 1), 11 ran Open Mctr. (C Mudhell, 7-1), 15 ran NEW FOREST BUCKHOUNDS (Larkhil): Contined: 1, Strong Terquin (Mass P. Mctr.) Hard Roy (J. Tozard, 7-4), 12 ran. Mctr. (1, 1, Swarous Gold (D Alerz-Heskey, 20-1), 10 ran.

Curling, 1-4 tav). 5 mm. Open Meln (5-8yo) It 1, Master Mano (F Hertey, Evens tar) 11 ran. Open Meln (5-8yo) It 1, Defrite Maybe (T Mitchef, 4-5 tav) 6 mm. Open Meln (5-8yo) Ill 1, Apakura King (T Mitchell, 2-1 tav). 12 ran Moued Open: 1, Darrylly (May O Elwood, 4-1) 8 mm. Infammediate. 1, Desert Weitz (Miss F Curling, 7-4). 11 ran Result 1, Outly Day (Mrs N Sheppaid, 5-2), 7 am. Flest II 1, Always Greet (Dr P Pritcherd, 20-1). 9 mm. Hunt: 1, Quest Confidence (Miss D Stafford, 4-5 tav). 4 ran. OUANTOCK STAGHOUNDS (Co

satchels. The big game was to come later. Soldier ants from David

Nicholson's nest fared no better. Their loyalty proved their undoing. Bristling with energy after Tuesday's reversals, they toiled in vain through Wednesday. By through Wednesday, By Thursday, their formation had collapsed. Their armour was stripped bare. They were without purpose, disorientated beyond recall, crushed beneath the gathering stam-

At least they lasted all three days. Not so the chickens, rendered headless by the apocalypse of Alderbrook on the opening day. Infused by Mednesday brought little elegant lord of the ring. Along with the lion, he remains the king of the swamp.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 HAMLET (nap).

DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 ST ANDREWS HANDICAP

(Div I: £2,048; 6f) (9 runners)

GOING: STANDARD

SOUTHWELL

2.00 Desert Invader. 2,30 Mezzoramio. 3.00 So

Amazing, 3.30 Hamlet, 4.00 Eulogy, 4,30 General Equation, 5.00 Maybank.

Racing commentary

they, also, were victims on traditionally fertile ground. The cause of this carnage was the Irish lion. He re-

turned to the pasture starved of notable scalps, although sated in previous years by more than adequate pickings. Clear of purpose, and leaner than before, he bunted keenly on Tuesday. And he, too, was denied when Danoli, the proudest of all was outmanocuvred and outrun.

3.30 MURRIELD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,583: 1m) (11)

(S-T-U: 25,305. TITI) (11)

1 D. ALL IN GOOD TIME 185 C Thirmton 9-0 D. Micksows 2
2 PALCON'S FLAME Mrs. J. Ramadon 9-0 K Fallon 10
3 880 HABLET 174 M Bull 9-0 N Fortion 1
4 00-5 KINE MORTH DUNCER 17 (S) II MINORTOON 9-0 COMMING 1
5 04-5 MY ARCHE 17 II Woodcouce 9-0 Dohn 9
6 00 MANAL HUNTER 147 P Hors. 9-0 K Hand 11
7 12-5 SAMMAN 18 R Amstang 9-0 W Woods 4
8 80 WINSTON 243 J Baharil 9-0 J W Woods 4
8 80 WINSTON 243 J Baharil 9-0 J W Woods 5
10 SWEET SERWADE N Limitoten 18-9 T 6 MicLaughtin 7
11 00 WELCOME UJ 146 P Falgate 8-9 P McCalare (3) 8
2-1 Falry Highlands, 5-2 Hamiel, 3-1 Salden, 6-1 Falcon's Flame 8-1 offers.

4.00 FARMERS WEEKLY HAUDICAP (£2,873: 1m 3f) (10)

5-2 El Statutes, 7-2 Enlago, 5-1 Tempering, Insents, 6-1 Grey Again, 7-1 others.

4.30 SANDWICH SEILING STAXES

7-4 Copper Bright, 9-4 General Equation, Gr La High, 5-1 Imparigion, B-1 others.

5.00 ST ANDREWS HANDICAP (Div It: £2,048: 61) (9)

1 2091 DAAWE 17 (V.CD.G.S) Mrs V Acoustry 5-18-0. M Doming 3 2 2222 AMESCANE VENTURE 9 (8F,S) M Chapman 5-9-11 DR Include (3) 6 3-541 MAYBANK 29 (CD.G.) 8 Methaten 4-9-5 G Carter 7 4 009 SOLRO THE TRUMPET 142 (6) R Spicer 4-9-5 D McKgown 5 5 5531 SOLD ARRETOCRAT 21 (CD.G) R Holerstead 5-9-3 F Lynch (5) 8 6 0-00 LANGTONAM 3 (CD.G.) J Fee 7-9-4 N Cartisle 4 7 -002 CARSTONAM 3 (CD.G.) J Fee 7-9-4 N Marsachy 8 8 800 F FOST 955 M W Exsenty 4-7-10 J Cartisle 19 -004 LE SAL 21 Mrs J Carts 4-7-10 J Cartisle 2 Mrs Lynch 2 Mrs Lynch 2 Mrs J Carts 4-7-10 J Cartisle 3 Mrs Lynch 2 Mrs J Carts 4-7-10 J Cartisle 3 Mrs Lynch 2 Mrs J Carts 4-7-10 J Cartisle 3 Mrs Lynch 2 Mrs J Carts 4-7-10 J Cartisle 3 Mrs Lynch 2 Mrs J Carts 4-7-10 J Cartisle 3 Mrs Lynch 2 Mrs J Carts 4-7-10 J Cartisle 3 Mrs Lynch 2 Mrs J Carts 4-7-10 J Cartisle 3 Mrs Lynch 2 Mrs Lyn 9-4 Maytook, 11-4 Augstone Venkur, 7-2 (Issue, 4-1 Bald Austerial, 5-1 offers.

TRANSPRS: Mass S Hall, 3 emmers, from 8 renners, 37.5%, Low Huntergrien, 22 from 195, 21.0%; M Johnston, 35 from 167, 18.7%; R Americang, 8 from 50, 16.0%; K Burke, 11 from 69, 15.9%. JOCKEYS: Kimberley Hart, 8 warners from 28 rides, 28 6%; J Wesser, 42 from 253, 18 0% F Lyach, 10 from 56, 17 2%, K Fation, 20 from 132, 15.2%, G Hand, 10 from 66, 15.2%.

LINGFIELD PARK

2.10 Intermagic. 2.40 Major Nova. 3.10 Fools Errand. 3.40 Hawthome Gien. 4.10 Easby Joker.

2.10 SNOWDROP NOVICES HURDLE (£2.190, 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

1 10.2 STERMAGIC 17 (St.) For 6-11-2 D Syrre 78
1 10.2 STERMAGIC 17 (St.) For 6-11-2 D Syrre 78
2 4 TARROCK 13 Not Mones 6-11-2 D Syrre 78
1 PP: LB'S GRIL 672 J Long 7-10-11 Least Long 4 4034 SALLE SWHODD 17 8 Smart 4-10-8 C Lieusellyn 95
1 USP SLIGHTLY SPECIAL 17 S Dow 4-10-8 A Dicken A Dicken O DR FRANCES 67 C Flory 4-10-5 A Proces - A Proces - C Syrich 21 Notemants - A Proces - C State 10 Dr Stat 8-4 Tamock, 2-1 Intermages, 3-1 Ballesenhilden, 12-1 Shightly Special, 16-1 Or Frances, 50-1 LB's Grif

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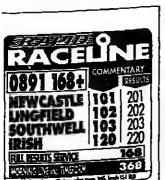
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The walls are black, the tiny ball travels at 180 mph. Sally Jones tries and flails at the game of rackets

Court of appeal for the fast and the fearless

he steep galleries above the huge, black-wailed court were crammed with schoolboys intent on the game below and yelling encourage-ment in between the points. "Serve up!" "Ave 'im out!" Below them, a slight teen-

ager composedly served a string of winners which died untouchably in the back corner, or wrong-footed his tall, heavy-shouldered opponent in a David-and-Goliath encounter. Even the shots which "Gollath" returned were despatched down the walls with clinical precision as the latest Tonbridge School prodigy. James Parker, diminutive son of the cricket international Paul, showed the bewildering speed of foot and reactions that make arguably the world's fastest ball

ably easy.
"It's not so much 'I thrashed a match, more like vainly at a mugging." whispered one of the the ball, watching rackets which was professionals, awestruck. The match already over, Parker, still immaculate and without a bead of past me' sweat in evidence,

game look laugh-

gravely shook hands with his panting victim and accepted the Jim Dear Cup for the Under-15 Public Schools championship, his first national singles title at the start of what will surely be a distinguished career. "If a small teenage boy can

play that well after only a year," I reasoned, "there's hope for anyone." Not quite true, as I discovered when I had my first taste of rackets in Boone, 45, the former world champion and still ranked in the world's top three. Despite his veteran status, the fiendishly competitive Boone, who has also played county lawn tennis for Cambridgeshire and national standard squash, is still one of the fittest men in Britain. Last season he won

five major rackets titles. Boone is a phenomenon, however, and this is definitely not a game for the podgy and middle-aged to take up from scratch without first undergoing a thorough filmess regime.



Rackets may look like a giant version of squash, right down to the court markings and the scoring system, but it is far faster and more challenging. The hard, white ball cracks around the high walls at speeds of up to 180 mph. Simply contacting it cleanly

with the long-handled, round-headed racket is an art in itself — an art which Boone's eight-year-old son. Ned, is well on the way to mastering. While his father

changed, Ned, a county junior lawn tennis player, hit me a string of gentle shots against the front wall, a few of which I returned,

though more by luck than judgment. The ball skidded so fast and unpredictably on the polished floor that on the first half-dozen shots I was "cleanbowled", thrashing vainly at a ball that was already past me. Ned, by contrast, seemed to have all the time in the world.

Boone was impressively natient as a coach, despite warnings beforehand from his arrant beginner, he would sell his grandmother for a point.

s I stood rooted to the spot, slogging blindly in an attempt to generate the sort of power he achieves so effortlessly, he advised: "Reep your feet moving all the time. Stay sideways to the ball and hit slowly, through it. Don't try to change the direction of the ball, so if it comes at you off the side wall, keep your head down and simply hit it back. But remember, 'straightening'

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Father-and-son battlers: Former world champion Willie Boone gives his son Ned, eight, a rackets lesson

hall down the side wall is softly than he had ever done in I always effective, like hitting a good, deep shot in squash." He demonstrated the serve.

standing in the service box and giving the side wall the regulation two taps with his racket ("makes you aware of your position on court") before stepping across to slice ferociously down the back of the ball, like an overarm squash serve. The ball hit the front wall halfway up and veered teasingly down the side wall.

We attempted a simple game, Boone spoon-leeding me by hitting the ball more his life. While I followed his instructions, smoothly sliding the ball back down the wall, all went well. Eventually, a straightforward-looking ball popped up in the middle of the court and I could resist the temptation no longer, stepping

in and flailing at it wildly. The bail flew off the wood of my racket, narrowly missing my eye, hurtled against the side wall, then snicked off the front wall spinning uncontrollably. Boone loped to the front corner and, with impeccable timing, hit the ball deep to the back wall where it died.

We laughed about the com-pulsion which all novices feel to go for broke, but reflected on the need for prudence. Several players including world doubles champion Neil Smith, the New York professional, have suffered serious eye injuries. Some have taken



to wearing perspex glasses. The game's governing body is now looking into various forms of protection.

Through extraordinary forbearance on Boone's part, we reached 13-all. But from then on, his old competitive urges took over. He let fly with a naggingly accurate serve into the back corner that I could only watch in awe, then painstakingly returned my most wayward shots until the inevitable happened: I wound up for a crunching backhand which soared off the handle and hit the rafters. Game to Boone, 15-13.

By then, though, I was hooked and decided to invest in a pair of protective glasses and a course of lessons. The main problem may be finding an opponent foolhardy enough to take me on.

• HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent A desirable part of good bridge is to give the declarer a losing option; but do not do it to your partner - he may take it.

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Against South's Three Hearts, West led the eight of diamonds. East put in the nine and declarer won with the king. South played a trump to the king and ace. East now cashed the ace and queen of diamonds and, hoping to promote a trump trick for his partner, led another diamond to give declarer a ruff and discard. Declarer, though, ruffed high, drew trumps and claimed ten tricks, discarding both his spade losers on dummy's clubs.

There were two errors by the defence. First, as West could see that he had no trump promotion possibilities, he should have ruffed the third diamond and played a spade. Second, East missed a moreor-less certain way to beat the contract. When he won the ace of trumps, it was correct to cash the ace of diamonds, but he should have continued with a low diamond for his partner

to ruff. Then, his partner could

have played a spade and he could have taken two spade

How was his partner to know to play a spade rather than a club? East plays the ten of diamonds rather than the four when he gives West a ruff. When giving partner a ruff. it is usual to play a low card when you would like him to switch to the lower-ranking suit and a high card when you want him to switch to a higher-ranking suit.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SQUARSON a. A gable crossbeam b. A clerical squire c. Old-fashioned

SOCMAN a. A sparring partner
b. Comptroller of a court c. A chapman

EALDORMAN a. An aiderman b. An earl c. A sheriff BAGMAN a. A pipe major b. A representative

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c. A deer-stalker

A game devised by jailed debtors

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ackets, the ultra-fast forerunner of squash, originated in two London debtors prisons, the King's Bench and the Fleet. in the mid-18th century when the gentlemen debtors played for exercise and amusement, often wagering on the outcome.

They knocked a ball around the walls of their prison yards with strung rackets while other prisoners sauntered around, watching the game and cheering on their man. Charles Dickens was evidently familiar with rackets at the Fleet, as he mentions it when describing Mr Pickwick's incarceration there.

Even then the game was the preserve of "gentlemen", albeit those who had fallen on hard times, as Pierce Egan observed when listing several of the

public house courts in his Book of Sports and Mirror of Life, published in 1832: "there is a good open court at the Belvidere, Pentonville; another at the Eagle Tavern, in the City Road ... but the fault of these places is that the company is not sufficiently select." Pierce no doubt considered rank a more estimable quality that

the willingness to pay one's bills.
These days the old distinctions are breaking down, although rackets remains a well-kept secret. It is played by around 3,000 enthusiasts on just 27 courts in Britain, includ-ing 14 of the public schools plus the clubs at Queen's in London. Manchester, Hayling Island in Hampshire, and Newcastle-upon-Tyne. There are also eight clubs in America and Canada.

Although the schools remain the major forcing-ground for young talent, more and more players from a variety of backgrounds are taking up the game, thanks to the growth in the number of evening clubs such as those at Winchester, Mariborough, Clifton, Harrow and Malvern, which open their courts to outsiders out of school hours. Rackets is the fastest and perhaps the most physically challenging of the most physically challenging of all racket games. A strong back-ground in squash or tennis is a considerable advantage, as this helps the player to pick the ball up off the walls and cope with rapid changes of direction. Basic fitness is also vital because of the speed. footwork and court coverage which the game demands.

The scoring is straightforward and similar to squash, with matches usually the best of five or best

ofseven games. Only the server can score a point, and the receiver gains the right to hand-out (serve) by winning a rally. As in squash, the server serves from alternate sides of the court, into the back half of the opposite side. The point is lost if a

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top of the court or below the tin on the front wall). The first player to reach 15 points wins the game, but if players reach 13-all or 14-all, "setting" takes place. Here the receiver chooses at 13-all whether he will play a first-to-3 or first-to-5 point decider, or at 14-all whether to play a first-to-3 decider or a suddendeath one-point decider.

player fails to return the ball on to

the front wall, or hits it out of court

fabove the upper line around the

Safety, for both players and spectators, is an important element as the small hard ball can rocket through so quickly. Anyone watching a rackets match is advised gentlemen to keep an eye on the ball at all times, in case it flies up into the gallery. During rallies the marker shouts "Play" after each shot, to indihard times' cate that the stroke was good and that the ball is still in play. If a poten-

tially dangerous situation develops, the marker shouts "Time".

Starting to play: The clubs welcome new recruits and most professionals are happy to lend a racket to anyone interested in trying the game. The Tennis and Rackets Association helps to subsidise players under 25. Clothing should be all-white and many clubs insist that players should wear pale-soled tennis shoes.

Costs: A year's subscription to an average rackets club is around £750 for adults and £30 for juniors, although several clubs charge more. Rackets cost around £50 and an average club player might get through four each season. Hire of the tape-covered balls is around £3 per session and players often use up to 15 in a match. Court fees are around £8 an hour and most professionals charge between £10 and £15 for an hour's lesson.

Further details: contact the Tennis and Rackets Association, c/o The Queen's Club, Palliser Rd, London 💣 W14 9EQ, Tel: 0171-386-3447. If you want to watch some good action, the Public Schools Doubles Championship is at Queen's on March 20-25.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Alekhine's thunderbolt

Alexander Alekhine was celebrated for moves that shocked his opponents and devastated them at a single stroke. He was also famous for directing his attacks against one side of the board but then finishing off with a brilliant tactical manoeuvre on the other. Today's game is one of

Alekhine's immortal masterpieces. His opponent, the super-solid Czech grandmaster Salo Flohr seemingly beats off all Alekhine's efforts to demolish his kingside, but just as Black thought he had emerged in safety Alekhine knocks him off balance with a thunderbolt which wins an entire rook.

White: Alexander Alekhine Black: Salo Flohr Bled 1931

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If 29 ... Qxe3 30 Rxd8+ and 31 fxe3 leaves White a rook ahead, while either 29 ... Rxc8 or 29 ... Bxc8 would be met by 30 Qxb6 with an easy win on material

British success at Cannes

In the open tournament at Cannes two British grandmasters, Joe Gallagher and the reigning British champion Matthew Sadler, shared first prize with 6.5/9.

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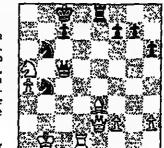
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Duras - Spielmann, Vienna 1907. White would like to capture the black queen on c5 but, at the moment, this would not turn out well due to the pin along the e-file. How did a preliminary move turn this into a favourable

trausaction?



Bold Scot disregards safe option on 18th to make winning Tour return

Fearless Montgomerie lasts the pace

A HUGE roar from the crowd rent the air as Colin Montgomerie slipped in a three-foot putt for a birdie four on the 18th green to win the Dubai Desert Classic here yesterday with a total of 270, 18 under par. Montgomerie raised his putter in unalloyed pleasure as the ball dropped, but he and Miguel Angel Jiménez, his playing partner and closest rival, knew that the pivotal moment had occurred a few

dramatic minutes earlier. Montgomerie, playing his first golf tournament of the season, and Jiménez walked onto the 18th tee with the Scot holding a one-stroke lead. Jimenez was probably expecting that Montgomerie would take the percentage option by laying up short of the lake in front of the green and settling for a sale par with a pitch and two putts. Within seconds, he was to be seriouly disabused of such a notion.

It was the sensible play, the

safe play, but Montgomerie was having none of it as he drew his driver from the bag. He had 222 yards to carry the water and another 15 to the flag. Even armed with the heavy artillery it was a bold ploy, but it was one that succeeded magnificently as the ball flew, and flew, and pulled up pin-high in the heart of the green 15 feet from the

It was a stroke that took even the slimmest element of choice away from Jimenez. If he managed an eagle and Montgomerie took his expected two putts for a birdle, it would be a play-off, which Montgomerie loathes with a passion - he has been involved in five, two of them in majors, and has lost them all. There was still all to play for.

Jiménez had outdriven his opponent, and hit the back of green with a three-wood. With feet in bunker and ball in light, fluffy rough, he had to hole the chip shot. He gave it all he had, but the ball pulled up six feet short. When

Montgomerie put his putt to within three feet, the tournament was won and lost, and Montgomerie had claimed the tenth European Tour victory of his career.

It was the end of an 18-hole tussle that had long since been distilled into matchplay, headto-head and no quarter asked

Montgomerie has shown in this tournament that the slimming and fitness programme that he has endured since the turn of the year, and which has seen him lose two stone. has done nothing to blunt the cutting edge of his game. He hit the ball as well as he has ever hit it, and the result stood in mute but eloquent witness to the excellence of his golf. He had only one bogey on each day and was the only man in the field to beat 70 in all four

"On the last hole I told myself that I'd been second often enough, that I didn't want to be second again, and that this was the moment to go for it," he said. "To say I'm delighted is an understatement."

If the 18th hole provided the tournament with as dramatic a climax as its organisers could have wished for, then the 7th was, in its way, no less important to Montgomerie's 5000055. Shots had already been

swapped by the two central characters when they arrived at the 178-yard, par-three hole, and Jiménez still held the onestroke lead with which he had gone into this final day. A few minutes later the positions were reversed after Montgomerie hit a six-iron to ten feet and made the birdie putt while the Spaniard threeputted from 25 feet for a bogey, one of three in his round.

Jiménez probably stili felt reasonably confident as he walked away from that green. He was not beaten yet. Not, surely, with II holes to play. Not, surely, against a man playing his first tournament of the season. Not, surely, even if his name was Colin Montgomerie. He was wrong; sadly, badly wrong. He really should have known better.



Montgomerie displays the magnificent trophy that went with victory in the Dubai Desert Classic vesterday

Leaders facing up to weighty task

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA

TWO sizeable figures were leading going into the last round of the Bay Hill Invitational in Orlando yesterday, but the winner was expected to come from

the men with the substantial records massed behind them. Patrick Burke and Guy Boros, two amiable souls who grew up together in south Florida, were out in front, on 206, ten under par, but of the 21 players within five shots of the leaders, seven had won major championships. They included Larry Nelson on 208, Nick Faldo and Tom Watson on 209, Steve Elkington, the

US PGA champion, on 210, and Corey

Pavin, the irrepressible US Open champion, on 211.

Burke and Boros were in for a heetic. motional day, whatever the result. Neither has won on the US tour, although Burke won twice in Australia two years ago and Boros, son of the late Julius, twice a US Open champion, had von twice in Canada

The bearded Burke, only 5ft 5in but another of fuller figure, has a suitably jaunty leprechaunish air. He was a St Patrick's Day baby 34 years ago and said: 'My mom wanted to call me Brian but the rest of the hospital named me."

Bernhard Langer was looking a seri-ous threat to Burke and Boros, and would have been an even greater one had his putting matched his iron play. Out early on a breezy morning, the German went out in 33, to move to four under par. He then birdied the 11th, 12th and 13th, to move to seven under, but he could easily have been ten under.

Having chipped in from 25 feet at the long 6th for his third birdie in four holes. Langer hit a four-iron to six feet at the short 7th, was ten feet from a hole-in-two at the 8th and six feet away at the 9th, but missed all three putts.

The miss at the 9th, a long par four of 467 yards, was the most galling, for Langer had hit a superb shot after watching Nick Price, his playing partner, hole a three-iron for an unlikely eagle two, to go three under.

Tuning in to new primary programme

By JOHN GOODBODY

GOOD skills are best learnt young. Probably no strategy for sport has been better targeted than the package of sports equipment and coaching for primary schools, which will begin nationwide next month. The National Junior Sports Programme will cost £6.2 million in eventually covering all 20,000 primary schools, the largest sum given to schools sport in Britain.

The action follows both the Prime Minister's statement last July that he wanted to revive the playing of sport in state schools, and the survey by the Sports Council in 1994. which revealed a fall in the amount of physical activity being done by youngsters.
The programme, which will

also go to youth organisations, governing bodies of sport, local authorities and clubs, will cost £14 million. The cash will come from the National Lottery, sponsorship and the Sports Council.

The scheme is divided into two parts, Top Play and Top Sport, both of which can be done indoors or out. All schools get a large bag, containing equipment such as bats, small rackets and balls and a set of activity cards. There will also be special training for teachers.

Top Play, for four to seven-

year-olds, will aim to develop core skills such as co-ordination, ball skills and teamwork. Top Sport, for seven to 11-yearolds, will introduce children to games, leading up to miniversions of seven sports: hockcy. netball, cricket, rugby, tennis, table tennis and basketball, with athletics, swimming, squash and football to be added shortly. This will blend in with other physical education activities such as

dance and gymnastics. Although 2,000 schools will start the scheme next month, it has already been introduced to several, who have acted as pilots for their local authorities. Grove Junior School, Hertfordshire, is among them and Sue McGonagle, the acting head, welcomes the programme. "The equipment is lovely - nice and bright - but what is so valuable is the card system, which gives pupils the ability to be independent."

The 212 children at the school are given activity cards depicting specific tips and techniques. They learn for themselves, with the teacher having a supervisory role.

The skills are adaptable to other sports and activities and the techniques become more refined as the pupils get older. In Top Play hockey, for example, the youngest pupils are able to use both sides of the plastic stick as they are introduced to basic manipulative skills. By the time that they move on to Top Sport, at the



age of seven, the back side of the stick is padded, thus encouraging the pupils to hit with just the face.

Julie Whelan, physical edu-cation adviser for Hertfordshire, said: "When pupils go to their secondary schools, the teachers will know exactly what they have already done. If pupils move home and go to a new school, they can automatically slot in to the programme."

Liz Rogers, the physical education co-ordinator at Grove, is most enthusiastic about the programme. "You do not have to be brilliam at sport to enjoy this scheme." she said. "You just use the more elementary cards and progress from a simple basis. However, there is no doubt that it is the competitive element that keeps everyone

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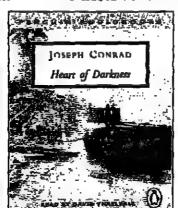
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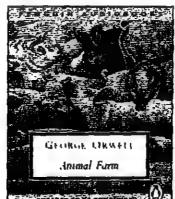
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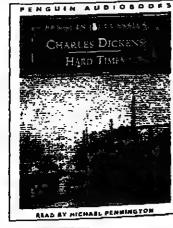
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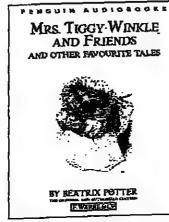
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HARD TIMES by Charles Dickens, read by Michael Pennington (3 hours). Dickens's withering portrait of a Lancashire mill town in the 1840s is also a dazzling work of political satire. This novel, though a serious and radical exposé of the hypocrisy of pompous self-made industrialists and harsh disciplinarians, illustrates there is always a ray of hope.



by Dick Francis, read by Mick Ford (3 hours). Another intriguing murder mystery by the former jockey and racing journalist. Popular Sid Halley is back, but in this tale it is a good friend who has committed an appalling crime. On the morning Sid is called as a witness at his friend's trial, other people's miseries explode in his face.

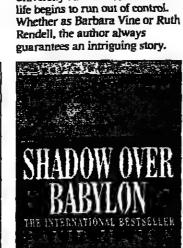


MRS TIGGY-WINKLE AND FRIENDS by Beatrix Potter. read by Michael Hordern. Janet Maw, Patricia Routledge and Timothy West, with specially composed music by Carl Davis (2 hours). The pleasures of these timeless

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of children all over the world.

tales of the family life of a community of small animals



NO NIGHT IS TOO LONG

Ruth Rendell), read by Alan

Cumming (3 hours). Timothy

Cornish is a young man with a

university and the course of his

golden future until he meets a

palaeontologist at the same

by Barbara Vine (also known as

SHADOW OVER BABYLON by David Mason. read by Bob Peck (3 hours). When a government minister calls a prominent newspaper tycoon, who makes a few calls of his own before dying in mysterious circumstances, the plot to assassinate Saddam Hussein is underway. This is a novel packed with suspense, drama and the

ruthless pursuit of a murderer.



DRACULA by Bram Stoker, read by Richard E Grant (3 hours). With its interwoven themes of desire, immortality and intense romance, this chilling horror story never loses its appeal. When a young solicitor is sent to Transylvania he is imprisoned by his host, Count Dracula, the legendary vampire, who wants the blood of the young man's fiancée.



KIDNAPPED by Robert Louis Stevenson, read by Robbie Coltrane (3 hours). Set in the aftermath of the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745, this is the story of a young man tricked out of his inheritance who survives attempted murder, kidnap and shipwreck. Conflicts and misunderstandings with his travelling companion illustrate two strands of Scottish culture.

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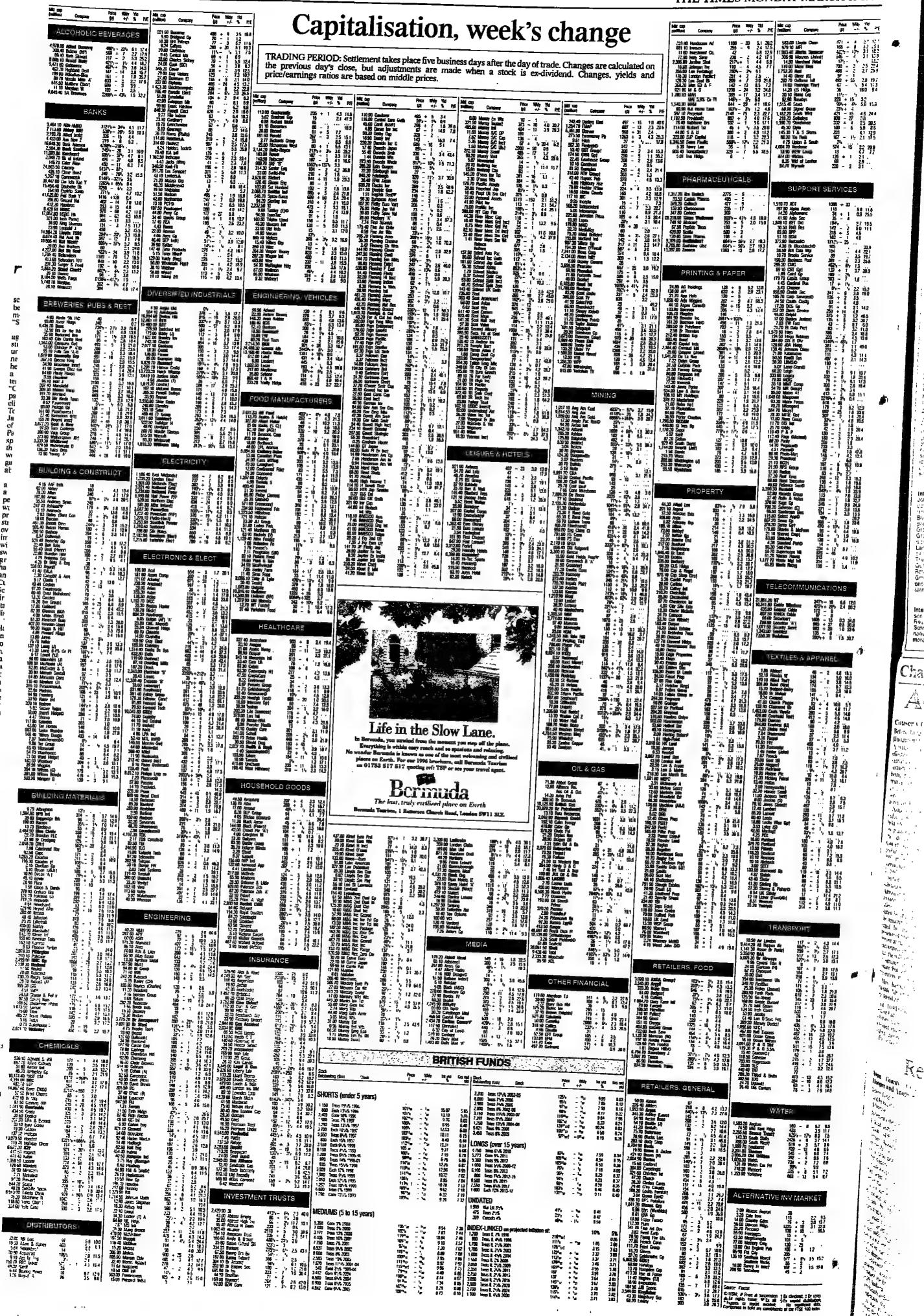
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Guinness suffers from charges

GUINNESS: Tony Greener, chairman of Guinness, will serve up mixed results when the brewing to spirits group unveils full-year figures on Thursday. The group issued a trading update in January, when it surprised the market with a further £39 million of second-half restructuring costs. The City was disappointed over Guinness's new cost cutting at Cruzcampo, the group's Span-ish brewing offshoot, which will account for £29 million of the additional charge.

Guinness's spirits operations are expected to dip by an underly-ing 2 per cent, with the group thought to have set aside £30 million of restructuring for continental Europe and Japan.

SCB Warburg has pencilled in pre-tax profits of £876 million (£915 million), after one-off costs of £64 million. After provisions, which include costs associated with the reorganisation at United Distillers and writedowns at Cruzcampo, analysis expect profits of £860-£835 million. A dividend of 14.9p (13.8p) is predicted. Analysts will be hoping for further news on current trading and on possible spirit price increases. United Distillers, the group's international spirits division, accounts for about twothirds of profits. In January, Guinness said that while trading in Asia, Latin America and Australia was strong, profits in Japan deteriorated in the final

below previous expectations.

The board said Guinness brewing worldwide traded well in 1995 with growing volume and higher underlying profitability. Analysts await news on trading as well as the possibility of a share buyback or special dividend.

quarter and would be £10 million

PEARSON: The fast-growing media group, whose empire spans Thames Television and The Financial Times to Madame Tussauds and Penguin books, kicks of another busy week with 1995 figures today that the market already expects to disappoint. Annual profits will be boosted by a windfall from the sale of Pearson's 9.8 per cent stake in BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster. However, NatWest Securities exANNIA

Tony Greener, chairman of Guinness, feels the hot breath of cost-cutting at Cruzcampo

pects full-year profits to show a modest fall under normal accounting procedures to £235.7 million (£251.6 million), largely because of £32 million of reconstruction costs. A dividend of 16.5p (15p) is predicted. Forecasts are £228-£260 million.

Pearson gave warning last December that its results would be a disappointment. The com-pany said reorganisation costs would climb to around £45 million (£12 million), with the bulk coming from changes at the Financial Times and the Westminster Press group of local

papers. Pearson has suffered from weak markets in UK books and professional and educational publishing. Profits growth at the Tussauds Group is thought to have been restricted by weak domestic leisure spending, while price wars in the UK book market will hit profits at Penguin. Attention will focus on current trading and prospects, as well as possible disposals and recently

ARGOS: The catalogue retailing group should turn in a solid profits performance today, but

bought businesses.

attention will focus on what the company has to say about its cash pile, estimated at more than £200 million.

Rowan Morgan, at Nikko Europe, expects healthy like-for-like sales growth to drive final pre-tax profits to £122 million (£100.2 million), with a dividend of 12.6p (10.5p) predicted. Market forecasts range from £120 million to £125 million. Analysts are hoping that Argos uses its cash for acquisitions, where there has been recent speculation surrounding Signet, or for a share buyback or special dividend.

REXAM: Tomorrow's full-year figures from the packaging group will not make happy reading as Rexam has already issued two profits warnings in the past nine months. Kleinwort Benson expects final pre-tax profits to fall to £185 million (£226 million). Market forecasts range from £180 million to £190 million.

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GLYNWED: Today's results from the diversified engineer should confirm steady recovery. UBS is looking for final pre-tax profits of £89 million (£67.1 million) and a dividend of 13p (12.3p). Market forecasts range from ESI million to ES9 million. A weak housing market may hold back consumer products, but efficiency gains should provide future benefits.

LUCAS INDUSTRIES: The engineering to aerospace giant is expected to unveil a sharp rise in first-half profits tomorrow, but attention will focus on who will take the helm at Lucas after George Simpson said last week that he does not intend to renew his contract when it expires next March.

This comes after intense speculation that Mr Simpson is the leading candidate to succeed Lord Weinstock at GEC. Interim pre-tax profits are forecast to rise to £63 million (£44.5 million), according to UBS, with a divi-dend of 2.2p (2.1p) predicted.

FROST GROUP: The petrol station retailer, which with 1,200 sites is Britain's fifth biggest retailer after Texaco, has suffered from the petrol price war being waged by the big oil companies and the supermarket groups. Analysts expect Frost, which trades under the Save Service Stations brand, to report final pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, of between £10 million and £11 million (£10.9 million).

BEAZER HOMES: Wednesday's figures will provide the latest snapshot of the housing market. NatWest Securities expects interim pre-tax profits of £24.5 million (£18.5 million). Forecasts range frome £17.5 million to £24.5 million.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Inflation is tipped to fall

The recent trend in the UK economy towards modest growth combined with low inflation should be borne out by a clutch of economic data this week. The highlight will be the February inflation figures on Thursday, with MMS International predicting a fall in the headline figure from 29 per cent to 27 per cent. RPIX, the Government's preferred measure, which excludes mortgage interest payments, is also expected to fall from 2.8 per cent to 2.7 per cent.

On Wednesday, the February retail sales figures should show a 0.3 per cent monthly improvement, after bad weather caused a 0.6 per cent fall in January. But the year-on-year figures are still predicted to fall from 2.3 per cent to 1.6 per cent. Inflation hawks will examine closely the M4 money supply statistics, also due on Wednesday, for signs of whether inflation is set to rise later in the year. MMS predicts growth in M4 will slow from 1.4 per cent to 0.7 per cent, while the year-on-year rate will fall back slightly from 10.7 per cent to 10.5 per cent but remain above the Government's 3-9 per cent monitoring

The US economy also seems to be following a similar modest growth-low inflation pattern and retail sales figures on Wednesday are expected to show sales bouncing back. MMS expects sales to grow by 0.8 per cent after last month's 0.3 per cent fall.

The main talking point on the Continent this week will be the German M3 figures, expected on Wednesday, Favourable data is likely to lead to a cut in German rates after the Bundesbank Council meets on March 28. The headline figure is expected to remain above target at between 7 and 9 per cent but growth seems to be slowing. Economists are predicting that the slow growth in M3, coupled with a fall in private lending and recent unemployment and inflation figures will be sufficient to persuade the Bundesbank to cut rates.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Pearson, Orange. Manganese Bronze, VCI. Avoid Greenalls. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Kwik-Fit Holdings, Roxboro, Triad Group, Peek. Avoid Eurocamp. The Observer: Buy Amey. Avoid Prudential. Independent on Sunday: Buy WH Smith, Guinness, Flomerics, Cortecs. Avoid Signet. The Mail on Sunday: Buy British Petroleum, Stadium, Saltire, Caldwell Investments.

Chancery Division

Law Report March 18 1996

Queen's Bench Division

Acknowledging signature on will

Couser v Couser

Before Judge Colyer, QC Judgment February 27

A witness attesting a will could effectively acknowledge his or her signature for the purposes of section Q of the Wills Act 1837 hv being present at one continuous transaction or attestation or even by a protestation that there was some other defect in the transaction or the execution of the will. Judge Colver, QC, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division, so

held when dismissing an action by the plaintiff, John Couser, against the defendant, Amelia Alicna Couser, seeking a revocation of probate granted on September 2, 1993 in respect of the will of Samuel Couser who died on June Section 9 of the 1837 Act, as

substituted by section 17 of the Administration of Justice Act 1982. provides: "No will shall be valid unless - (a) it is in writing, and signed by the testator ... and (c) the signature is made or acknowledged by the testator in the presence of two or more witnesses present at the same time; and (d) each witness either - (i) attests and signs the will; or (ii) acknowledges his signature, in the presence of the testator (but not necessarily in the presence of any other witness)." Miss Barbara Rich for the

plaintiff: Mr Thomas Putnam for HIS LORDSHIP said that the

testator had made a will through solicitors in 1981. Subsequently his wife died and he remarried. That will was thereby revoked.

Avon County Council v

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss,

Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice

A local authority could, under

section 17 of the Health and Social

Services Adjudication Act 1983,

recover the cost of providing care

for a handicapped person even

when it had not charged at the time

the care was provided so long as it

had acted reasonably and the

The Court of Appeal so held in

dismissing an appeal, formally

brought by Mrs Hooper as

admistratrix of the estate of her

son, against a decision of Judge

Taylor, sitting as a deputy High

Court judge, that Avon County

Council was entitled to recover the

costs of his care following serious

brain damage at birth, following

the settlement of his action for

negligence against the second defendant the Bristol and District

Health Authority.

The health authority had agreed

to indemnify the estate and the

action was in effect a dispute between the health authority and

the local authority.

person had sufficient means.

Hooper and Another

[Judgment February 22]

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will and wrote it out himself on February 2. 1993 by filling in the gaps on a printed will form.

He appointed his wife as his executrix and disposed of his estate by way of three legacies: £1,000 each to his son and his step-daughter and £10,000 to Charing Cross Hospital kidney research unit. He left the residue to his wife. The plaintiff, the testator's son, sought to impugn the will and set out to establish that it was not duly

The possibilities which section 9 raised were various. A will could validly be signed by the testator in the absence of witnesses and then shown by him to the two witnesses ignature in the presence of both

Curiously, it would be valid if both witnesses then left and returned severally to sign or acknowledge their signatures in the presence of the testator.

The section was clearly directed in the first place to creating the safeguard that there should be two witnesses and two witnesses mus both at the same time see the estator either sign or acknowledge

There had to be a point in time therefore when all three were together but evidence of their joint activity could be made subsequently and separately. The section sought to avoid formalities and technicalities but nevertheless

to preserve safeguards. The will was attested by a Mr Bovingdon, a farmer, who gave evidence, and by his wife. Mr Bovingdon said that on February

Section 17 of the Act provides: "(I)

Subject to section (3) below, an

authority providing a service ...
may recover such charge (if any)
for it as they consider

"(3) If a person — (b) satisfies the

authority providing the service

that his means are insufficient for

it to be reasonably practicable for

him to pay for the service ... the

authority shall not require him to

pay more for it than it appears to

them that it is reasonably prac-

Mr Piers Ashworth, QC and Mr

Michael Roach for the local au-

thority; Mr John Grace, QC and

Mr John Beggs for the second

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE

said that section 17 was an empow-

ering section. It gave the local

authority the power but not the obligation to charge for the pro-

vision of the relevant services. It

was implicit both in the language

of the section and in the general

law governing the activities of local

authorities that the power had to

If the local authority was acting

reasonably there was no basis in

section 17(1) for the person availing

be exercised reasonably.

ticable for him to pay."

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the yard behind his bungalow when he saw the testator walking towards them talking to Mrs

Mrs Bovingdon told him that the testator wanted them to sign his will and the testator confin that by tapping his pocket. Mrs Bovingdon and the testator went into the bungalow and some 10 minutes later Mr Bovingdon His wife and the testator were

sitting by the dining table and there was a brief discussion about the will. The Bovingdons were not well versed in the formalities of a will although they had made wills through the bank. They advised the testator to use

the services of a bank. Mrs. Bovingdon said she had signed already but was still urging the testator to go to a bank and said she thought the will was not valid as it had not been signed by the testator in her presence. She was wrong in that since an vledgment would have been sufficient.

The will at that stage was in an envelope. The testator took it out, said it was his will, and exposed the lower half of the document showing his signature and Mrs Bovingdon's signature. Mr Bovingdon duly signed it, and the testator put it back in the envelope

and into his pocket.

While Mr Bovingdon was signing his wife was approximately 10 feet away making coffee. After he signed she continued urging upon the testator that she did not think there had been due attestation.

himself of the service to say that

the local authority should not

recover. He had in those circum-

stances to satisfy the authority under section 17(3) that his means

were insufficient for it to be

reasonably practicable for him to

pay the amount which he would

Whether it was reasonable to

charge had to be considered at an

appropriate time which would not

necessarily be before the time the

services were rendered and would

most probably be later when the

A scatter-gun approach in running criminal appeals was to be

Division, (Lord Justice Simon Brown, Mr Justice Alliott and Mr

Justice Ognall) so stated on March

missed on February 29 the appeal

8, giving reasons for having dis-

of Colin Richard James against his

The Court of Appeal, Criminal

Regina v James

deprecated.

otherwise be obliged to pay.

Recovering cost of providing care

Legal aid decision challengeable asked to determine that there was no good execution of the will

because the evidence suggested that the order of events could best testator, attestation by the first witness in absence of the second witness, followed by separate attestation by the second witness in the presence of the first witness.
His Lordship said he was not persuaded that anything here went

wrong. The picture presented was of events a few moments apart. When Mr Bovingdon was signing his wife was present in the same room albeit a little distance away. Could a witness who was 10 feet away duly acknowledge her sig-nature either by saying nothing or by protesting that she thought that

accordance with statutory require-There was no law on the acknowledgement by a witness of his signature. But it could not have been intended that different principles applied to the acknowledgement of a testator's signature and of a witness's

what she had done was not in

Mr Bovingdon clearly attested and signed in the testator's pres-ence. Mrs Bovingdon had already done so. By her very telling of the testator to go to the bank she continued to acknowledge her signature.

At the end of the transaction both Mr and Mrs Bovingdon were able to say with truth: "I know that document."

Solicitors: Harris & Cartwright, Slough; Owen White & Catlin, Ashford, Middlesex.

local authority had put itself in

possession of the relevant informa-

tion. Similarly, the question of means and the practicability of

paying would often have to be the subject of late inquiry and consid-

eration. Once it was recognised that the local authority had to act

reasonably, the section could be

seen to have a sensible and

Lord Justice Roch and Lord

Solicitors: Mr John E. Orton,

murder conviction at Reading

LORD JUSTICE SIMON

BROWN said that their Lordships

regretted in particular the consid-

crable expenditure of public funds

had proved to be of any help.

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Crown Court on May 23, 1994.

Justice Butler-Sloss agreed.

practical scheme.

Unnecessary costs

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Regina v Legal Aid Board. Ex parte Donn & Co (a Firm) Before Mr Justice Ognall **Judement February 9**1

The decision-making process of a legal aid committee in awarding a contract to solicitors for the corduct of multi-party action was justiciable in public law.

Mr Justice Ognali so stated in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing an application for judicial review by Donn & Co against the decision by the multi-party opera-tional committee of the Legal Aid Board on July 25, 1995 whereby it awarded the contract for the management of the generic work in respect of the Gulf War Syn-Dawbarns and Geoffrey Stevens & Co. The contract was declared ineffectual from the date of the judgment and the matter remitted to a differently constituted com-

mittee for reconsideration. Mr Alan Moses, QC and Mr Peter Village for the firm; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Miss Jane Oldham for the Board.

MR JUSTICE OGNALL had

It was common ground that the answer to the question of sufficient public law element admitted of no universal test: see useful guidance

respective of any true connection with statute, policy or practice, the board's decision-making process

involved some sufficient public law

Mr Moses submitted that the decision-making plainly contained a public law element for the

invited argument on whether ir-

in R v Derbyshire County Council. Ex parte Noble ([1990] ICR 81911). Mr Beloff relied on the broad

tenor of R v Lord Chancellor, Exparte Hibbit and Saunders (The Times March 12, 1993) and submitted that because the performance of the contract by the solicitor had public importance, that could not per se make the matter justiciable

following reasons: it related directly to the conduct of litigation to be undertaken on behalf of hundreds of legally assisted and pri-vately paying plaintiffs; it was clearly in the public interest that the best firm be selected by fair and lawful procedure: the arrangements enabled the board to select the firm or groups of firms which

Mr Moses adopted as one test the question whether the selection process was truly akin to a

Mr Moses submitted the latter was appropriate. There was a vital public interest in the procedurally regular and fair conduct of the selection process, which at com-mon law, brought that process within the aegis of public law. His Lordship had not found the question easy. To a degree the exhortation to look at the subject

free from difficulty. His Lordship found it difficult to accept the invitation to put from his mind the contained numerous provisions which gave the decision a public object of the selection process, namely the conduct of the litiga-His Lordship was invited to tion, and to focus solely upon the selection process itself. Indeed it was a central part of

Mr Moses's argument that the court should consider the public importance of the task to be performed by the preferred lenderer. His Lordship preferred to treat both the nature and purpose of the selection process and its consequences as one in-

The answer fell to be decided as one of overall impression and one of degree. There could be no universal test. But bearing in mind

Even if there were to be arguably some private law remedy, or whether there was none, his Lordship was satisfied that quite independently, the public dimensions of the matter were of a quality which made it justiciable in public law.

Employer's covenant was unreasonable

Before Mr Justice Laws Judgment November 5

A covenant which purported to confer on an employer rights to restrict his employer's conduct after termination of the contract

even where the contract was unlawfully terminated by the em-ployer was necessarily easonable Mr Justice Laws so held in the

Queen's Bench Division when, inter alia. refusing to grant an interlocutory injunction to the plaintiffs to enforce restraining provisions in a contract of service against the defendant. The case was heard in chambers and the judgment was released for publicaon by the judge on January 23. Miss Jane McNeill for the plaintiff; Mr Selwyn Bloch for the

MR JUSTICE LAWS said that the terms of the provision on which the plaintiff relied applied in the plaintiffs' favour if the agreement was terminated for any reason whatsoever. Two issues arose:

I Were the provisions relied on by the plaintiffs on their face unreasonable as entitling them to rely on their terms even where they were themselves in repudiatory breach of the contract? 2 If so, could the offending words "for any reason whatsoever" be

involved in transcribing the evi-Although neither Living Design dence of five witnesses, one hun-(Home Improvements) Ltd v Davidson ([1994] IRLR 69), a dred pages in all, none of which decision of the Court of Session.

Justice Scott in Briggs v Oates [1990] ICR 473) were binding on his Lordship, the principle enun-ciated in those decisions was ciated in the A restrictive covenant, having effect after the termination of a

contract of service or for services, which on its face applied to the

ployer's benefit even where the

nor the obiter observations of Mr

termination had been induced by his own breach was necessarily Such a provision, if given effect, would constitute an evasion of the rule in General Bill Posting Co Ltd. v Atkinson ([1909] AC 115). Indeed the only purpose of inserting the material words would be to secure coercive rights to the employer which would survive his

m contractual misconduct. That would not be reasonable. The words which would entitle the plaintiffs to rely on the restraining covenants even in the event of their own repudiatory breach could not be regarded as separate and distinct from the substance of those restraints, plainly they were not themselves covenants at all: they qualified the covenants by extending the circumstances in which the latter might be relied

Neither were the words of trivial importance or merely technical. They were a highly significant element in the contractual provision being made and were not, therefore, severable.

Solicitors: Vizards; Pritchard

the selection process. One was not in the present case to be concerned with ordinary private law ques-tions arising from contractual

relations between employer and employee; rather the procedures chosen by the committee in the context of selection of solicitors to discharge a task which was of great public importance.

would do the work best and they

immercial function or whether it was more properly analogous to a

all the factors his Lordship pre-ferred Mr Moses's submissions.

Solicitors: Donn & Co. Manchester; Mr Richard Green.

Tribunal unable to review conviction

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice. Mr Justice Latham and Mr Justice Hooper [Judgment February 27]

In re a Solicitor

Public policy required that, save in exceptional circumstances, a challenge to a criminal conviction should not be entertained by a disciplinary tribunal. The tribunal was right in refusing an adjourn-ment to hear evidence to show wrongful conviction.
The Queen's Bench Divisional

Court so stated in a reserved judgment when dismissing an appeal by a solicitor against the findings and order of the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal in August 1995 that he be struck off the roll for conduct unbelitting a solicitor. The appellant in person: Mr

Timothy Dutton for the Law Society.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE. giving the reserved judgment of the court, rejected the appellant's contention that, by virtue of section II of the Civil Evidence Act 1968 and rules 16 and 30 of the Solicitors (Disciplinary Proceedings) Rules (SI 1994 No 288) he was entitled as of right to call evidence to prove that he was not guilty of the 15 offences of dishonesty involving fraud upon the legal aid fund of which he was convicted at Manchester Crown Court in November 1993 and for which he had received a prison sentence of

The appellant had not sought to appeal against the conviction but and preferred to attempt to estab-

three years.

lish before the tribunal, on a civil burden of proof, that he had been Hunter v Chief Constable of the

West Midlands Police (1982) AC 529) was the leading case on whether and in what circumstances a criminal conviction could be challenged in civil proceedings. In that case Lord Diplock had concluded (at p545) that only "Iresh evidence obtained since the criminal trial and the probative weight of such evidence justify making an exception to the general rule of public policy that the use of civil

. should be treated as an abuse of the process of the court," In Smith v Linskill (The Times February 7) the three public policy considerations underlying the rule against collateral challenge were clearly set out and Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, emphasised that the preferred approach must be to ensure that the conviction itself should be

actions to initiate collateral attacks

reviewed, rather than to seek to establish injustice by civil action. Although Hunter and Smith were civil actions in which the plaintiffs made the collateral challence and in the present case the tribunal proceedings were brought against the appellant by the Law Society, the same principles

Here there were no exceptional circumstances nor any fresh evidence, thus the tribunal was right to refuse to hear evidence of

Solicitors: Cartwrights Adams &

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Create a stakeholder society by giving voters free shares

ow often we hear com-mentators discussing whether the economic "feel-good" factor will arrive in time to rescue the Conservatives at the next general election. There was no "feel-good" factor in 1992 aged to hold on. But consensus has it that this time round, the "feel-good" factor will be a necessity for this Government to

No matter how much more disposable income people find in their pockets between now and the next election, financial insecurity will persist until they feel they have some wealth to fall back on. Houses may act as a store of wealth, but they cannot create it.

To create wealth, people need share capital.

During the 1980s, the number of direct shareholders more than trebled to top ten million mainly through privatisation issues. Through owning shares, more people have become genuine stakeholders in the economy for the first time. Anyone with a private pension looks to the performance of stock markets to indicate their future wealth. Armies of small shareholders can today be seen making an impact While the 1990s have seen no

diminution in people's enthusi-

asm for share ownership, politi-

cians appear to have stopped paying it much attention. But,

Adrian Pepper advocates radical measures to broaden ownership and improve the delivery of public services

given the proven electoral appeal wider share ownership, it is surely only a matter of time before the politicians start seeking out new policies. There are many ideas out there to be adopted.

There are practical ways in which the Government can promote share ownership. The privatisation programme could be extended to many new areas of the public sector. Its popularity could be restored by making shares in privatised companies more widely available. Everyone could be givif shares were given away to the public rather than sold.

Shares in industries such as Forest Enterprise, the British Waterways Board, the Tote, London Underground and the Post Office could be distributed to investment companies who would hold and manage funds on behalf of individuals. Many more government functions could be hived off to the private sector. For example, where an in-house bidder wins the right to provide a government service.

en a stake in future privatisations after a market test, management and employees should be able to negotiate to buy out provision of the service. Where a government service is contracted out to a private organisation, contractors should agree to make provision for employees to become shareholders in the organisations for which they work. The same should apply to projects procured the private finance

> Such an approach would produce endless opportunities for the

> > By RACHEL KELLY

PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

last November.

Covernment to spread share ownership. If members of the Sea Mammal Research Unit or the Red Deer Commission (both currently part of the public sector) had the opportunity to own shares in their privatised business, then employees in the Prison Service or Employment Service may wish to follow suit. Instead of being open to the accusation of public sector sloth and bureaucracy, employeeowned agencies providing services to the Government would have clear incentives to deliver them as efficiently as possible.

For the time being, the momentum seems to have been lost from the drive to promote wider share ownership. As elections approach, governments and oppositions be-

British given lift at ski resort

Investment snowballs

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come more cautious for the sake of short-term political expediency. The creation of new sharehold-

ers from the conversions of building societies into banks is the only radical move on the horizon. But politicians with bold vision could find long-term advantage in launching initiatives to widen share ownership. The prospect of more people sharing in the nation's wealth may just help to recreate that elusive "feel-good" factor.

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Abbey determined not to burn its fingers over N&P issue

The bank is still smarting from the problems that hit its flotation says

Sara McConnell

ention the words "burning skip" to senior Abbey National executives and they pale visibly as seven years after Abbey's conversion to a bank, the abiding public image of what should have been a triumph for popular capitalism is a smouldering skip in a rubbish strewn side road in southeast London. filled with half-burnt Abbey estimated 100,000 certificates worth millions of pounds went up in smoke in circumstances

never fully explained.

If this was not enough,
Abbey's pioneering floration
was also dogged by computer garbled by a computer that could only read the first five lines. Investors received too few shares or too many. In: coming to light when customers try to sell shares. Abbey has demanded the return of shares from customers who turn out to have been allocated too many because of confusion over names at the time of the flotation.

disaster of this magnitude, it takes some chutzpah to propose another distribution of free shares. But this is exactly what Abbey National, chaired by Lord Tugendhat, is doing. Next month, if all goes according to plan, members of the National & Provincial building society will vote to be taken over by Abbey. In August this year, N&P's 1.4 million qualifying members should receive allocations of at least £500 of free Abbey shares in return for agreeing to be taken over. Qualifying investors and borrowers who had at least £100 in an N&P share account or mortgage on April 28, 1995, and December 31, 1995 will get £500 of Abbey shares. Mem-



bers of more than two years' standing will get a payout of up to £4,250 which they can take in cash or Abbey shares. If all savers opt for shares rather than cash. Abbey will be faced with taking 1.4 million additional shareholders on to its register. Even if all the savers with a choice opt for cash, Abbey will still have an estimated 600,000 additional

Each shareholder will mean another set of records and both areas fraught with diffi-culty in the original flotation.

But this time Abbey is determined to leave no room for error. It will be issuing its own share certificates, acting as its own registrar, and managing its own administration. There will be no repeat of the use, forced on it by a tight timetable, of a third-party

Perhaps unfortunately for Abbey's public image, few people now remember that Lloyds Bank Registrars, rath-er than Abbey itself, was responsible for the issuing and administration of Abbey shares in 1989.

Lloyds ended up having to pay compensation to ag-

grieved Abbey shareholders. Phil Hallatt, now Abbey's director of shareholder services, and deputy company secretary in 1989, said Abbey was unable to start its own registrar then. "We took a view on the registrars open to us (in 1989)," he said, adding: The scale of the operation was not sufficient to handle the numbers of share certificates and vetting procedures could have been better. The whole of the registration world bey's problems."

n 1994, the Abbey finally decided no share administration system on the market suited its requirements. So it built its own. So far it has spent more than £2 million on computer equip-

The result is a sophisticated electronic record keeping system, which allocates each investor an individual number. Every piece of correspondence is scanned in to the bank's mainframe computer and is accessible at the touch of a button when shareholders ring up with queries.

Some grim reminders of

remain. Pre-February 1994 shareholder correspondence remains piled high in a warehouse "somewhere in the Midlands". The documents are not comprehensively indexed, so retrieving any of the 23 million pieces of paper stored there makes looking for a needle in a haystack seem easy. But Abbey has no plans to transfer the paper to its electronic system, believing the cost would outweigh the benefits.

Instead, it is preparing itself or the onslaught of up to 1.4 million new shareholders from N&P. Mr Hallatt is confident the hank will be able to cope. "The scale is much smaller - we had 5.5 million shareholders in the original flotation. We will only use three mailing houses, all used before. We are designing clear forms in conjunction with the N&P."The N&P will also have done most of the legwork in "deduplicating" its membership list, making sure people are not listed twice because they have slightly different names or addresses on differ-

ent accounts. Many of Abbey's original problems were caused by failures of deduplication. The previous administrative chaos then building society had 10 million account holders but no customer database. A lot is at stake this summer, not least Abbey's plan to contract itself out as a third party registrar and its review of possibilities for in-house share dealing in the autumn. If anything goes wrong with the N&P takeover, its customers and potential business partners will not give

and Mr Lindsay are all

company is among the 50

most successful in France.

Sir Edward, Colonel Hall,



Alpine playground on the up

yesterday that the profits were paper profits and that none of the British had cashed in their stake. They said that the success of the company was important

because it helped ensure the resort's continuing links with its history of independence. Last November, there was an abortive attempt by the local departmental government of Savoie to become the biggest shareholder in

the company.

Sir Edward said: "Of course it is good news for investors in Meribel. But it is also good news for Meribel itself that the ski lift company remains independent. Other resorts are run by the

Savoie department."

He added that the resort was originally founded by the British before the last war, saying: "The French victories in the Winter Olympics of 1936 stimulated a vogue for skiing in France, focusing attention on the possibility of developing new

The resort's historic links with Britain continue today. A third of its 33,000 visitors each week are British, and 42 British tour operators have holiday homes in the village, where a chalet can fetch up to £2 million.

Visitors include Samantha Fox, the former model: Kim Wilde, the pop singer: James Hewitt, the former Life Cuard and friend of the Princess of Wales; and the

Healthcare property firm makes debut

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT WORKS

PRIMARY HEALTH PROPERTIES expected to announce it has acquired a (PHP), which will invest in healthcare properties, plans to list on the Alternative Investment Market for small and growing companies on Wednesday. PHP is expected to raise £20 million, capitalising it at about £20 million. Collins Stewart & Co is nominated adviser and broker to the issue.

Capital and Western Estates, which joined AIM earlier this month, is today boost from Johnson Fry's new AIM

portfolio of eight residential properties in Greater London for £1.24 million. Last week's prestigious 1995 Coopers & Lybrand PLC Awards, organised in association with The Times, celebrated their tenth year with a new award for best new entrant to AIM. It was won by Surrey Free Inns, the public house

operator. AIM should receive a further

Distribution Trust, a venture capital trust that will invest £20 million over

The number of companies traded on AIM stands at 130, compared with just ten listed when the market started on June 19. Capitalisation amounts to £2.59 billion, while £183.4 million has been raised since the market began.

PHILIP PANGALOS

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T ew police heroes are such a commonplace that even when Warren Clarke pops up doing an impression of Les Dawson, few of us will be dancing the can-can with excitement. But our new Saturday coppers Dalziel and Pascoe (BBC1) must be allowed to have their own interest. English detective fiction has an honourable tradition of bodies on carpets; and crimes solved by men of authority who quote Shakespeare above everybody's heads. Reginald Hill's popular novels are perfect examples of that genre.

When I say the word "genre", however, I do it self-consciously. Because when one of Dalziel and Pascoe's characters said "genre" on Saturday, it jarred much more than any of the more offensive language ("shit-stirring"; "show us yer tits"; "piss off") that was supposedly importing Dalziel into the real world. If anything threatens to kill Dalziel and Pascoe

stone dead with viewers, it's that whereas certain types of deverness asy punning title — unterly are encouraged on television -Robbie Coltrane's verbal bullying; David Suchet's poised cerebration
an acquaintance with long words is simply beyond the pale. Words such as "genre" and "symbiotic" are crimes against the people. Making Dalziel a loudmouthed bollock-scratcher with a face like a bag of spanners is sensible, but having him refer to a rugby match as "this insubstantial

a coffin nail hammered home. I ought to say I did enjoy the plot on Saturday. It kept you guessing. Also I will watch Warren Clarke in anything, and campaign regularly for a repeat showing of a mid-1970s Our Mutual Friend. in which he played Bradley Headstone. But in every way, Dalziel and Pascoe was a major backward step. In terms of crime drama, it was extraordinary to have a corpse

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ungrieved, even by her daughter, Worse, the misogyny of Dalziel was cheerfully condoned throughout, and in the end we were actually persuaded the victim had "asked for it". She was a "24-carat Deli-lah"; a "wicked, manipulative, cunning, sex-starved bitch". Dalziel is supposedly a comic, harmless figure, but I'm afraid he still reminded me of Joan Smith's persuasive Yorkshire Ripper theory that the reason those gruff northern police couldn't find Peter Sutcliffe was that they assumed he was different from themselves.

Still in fictional Yorkshire (though it's jolly hard to place it just down the road), Band of Gold (ITV) is now stuck into its second series, and in terms of sensational event is no small potatoes whatsoever. In the space of three weeks. Anita is now

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

battered and hideous, and on crutches: Rose is bitter and homeless; Carol is under arrest for murder; and baby-faced Tracey is all crackers and eyeballs. The cleaning contract is a forgotten dream. Meanwhile, someone has just slashed the throat of the monstrous George, and though he certainly asked for it, I somehow doubt the police will accept such a handy defence in this instance.

grim, desperate characters bril-liantly — toughness contending with fear; loyalty with self-preservation. But what makes the series so compelling, and the characters so engaging, is the role regularly played in their stories by real, raw. gut-ravelling stupidity. These women make short planks look slender; what a shame nobody uses the expression "dim as a Toc H lamp" any more, for their own dimness makes a Toc H lamp shine out like a beacon. When fate deals them a blow, Mellor just asks herself, "What would a truly stunid person do now? Put the body in the car, and scrub the carper?" "Oh no!" we cry at home, with fingers laced in front of our eyes. "She won't do that! That would be so stupid!" But she does. Always. It's what you call a tragic

The good news is that Uncle Granville has bequeathed his

chicken-packing business to Carol, so if the true murderer is caught, the girls may make a new life in poultry, pale and ugly in hairnets, surrounded by blood, feathers and dead white flesh. Headless chickens swinging upside down by skinny legs from a moving rail ah yes, symbolically speaking, it's the natural, glorious next step.

fter clever-clever policemen and dim-dim prostitutes. And dim-dim prostitutes. how refreshing to turn to Einstein on BBC2 last night. What would it be like to ride a beam of light?" Einstein asked himself as a young man, reckoning that the simple questions were the best ones. For this first part of a special Horizon (completed tonight), Andrew Sachs played the Great Cardigan himself, reminiscing in old age. Meanwhile his life story and his science were decorated pleasantly by footage of Swiss lakes twinkling, sparkling, and

charming love letters were well used — "My darlink Dolly"; "My dear kitten" "My sveet little vitch" - but I think we were led into the human side of Einstein mainly so that we could feel sorry for the wife, when he left her behind

Finally, Ballykissangel (BBC1) came to an end, but will doubtless be back. Viewing figures have been phenomenal, and rightly so. A predictable, spectacular accident involving a rope, a pulley, a drunk woman and a live ram last night did not take place (for once), which showed wit as well as restraint. Meanwhile a moment of true, touching emotion was reserved for lovely Father Clifford (Stephen Tompkinson) shuffling a bundle of petition forms in his hands. His parishioners wanted him to stay, after all. A vote of confidence! As the credits rolled, he sat in the sun,

BBSI A 6.00am Business Breakfast (61166) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceeiax) (92437) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax)

9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (2230895) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (8047050) 10.30 Good Morning (8) (42963)

(Ceefax), regional news and weather (2181215) 12.05pm Turnabout (s) (5504857) 12.30 Going for a Song (s) (80505)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceelax) and weather (62296) 1.30 Regional News and weather (82760627) 1.40 Neighbours (Cee/ax) (s) (94725673) 2.00 Pebble Mill (s) (8403321) 2.40 Rich Man, Poor Man (1117050)

3.30 The Busy World of Richard Scarry (s) (6821925) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (s) (5895895) 4.10 The Chipmunks (r) (a) (2782037) 4.35 The Genie from Down Under (Ceafax) (s) (2897944) 5.00 Newsround (Ceelax) (3646296) 5.10

Blue Peter (Ceelax) (s) (1256944) 5.35 Neighbours. Stonefish is in quandary when his brother Shane turns up (n) (Ceelax) (s) (205692)

8.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceelax) (147) 6.30 Regional News magazines (499) 7.00 Eureka. Matthew Kelly presents a collection of entertaining and ingenious inventions(Ceefax) (s) (1215)

7.30 Watchdog. Consumer magazine hosted by Anne Robinson (Ceetax) (s) (383) 8.00 EastEnders. Pauline is shocked when Mark questions her about her relationship with Willy (Ceefax) (s) (8073)

8.30 Crime Beat. Martyn Lewis looks at the problem of burglary, which accounts for a quarter of all reported crime in the UK

9.2 Nine O'Clock News (Ceetax), regional news and weather (1168)

9.30 Panorama. Hard-hitting current atfairs (Ceeiax) (514147) David Hare's screenplay follows the fortunes of George Jones, leader of the

Labour Party, as he battles on the campaign trail of a general election (r) (Ceefax) (s) (806771) N.L.: 10.10 For What You Are About to Receive 10.50 The Absence of War 12.25am Film 96 with Barry Norman 12.55 Weather WALES: 10.10 A Parent's Guide 11.05 The Absence of War (993296) 12.45 Film 96 with Barry Norman (86567) 1.15 FILM: The George Raft Story (501819) 3.00 News (65722187)

11,45 Film 96 with Barry Norman, Barry Norman reviews recent film releases including Dead Men Walking, with Susan Saradon and Sean Penn; Toy Story, the tirst tull-length computer-genera feature; and Cut-throat Island, with Geena Davis (Ceetax) (s) (442050)

12.15 FILM: The George Raft Story (1961. byw) with Ray Danton. A film biography of the dancer turned actor, George Ratt. Directed by Joseph M. Newman

2.00am Weather (6306451)

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BB62 6.00am Open University: East Meets West (9662876) 6.25 New York and Los Angeles (7216925)

7.15 See Hear News (1751031) 7.30 Stingray (r) (73302) 8.00 Blue Peter (s) (57789) 8.30 Songs of Praise (f) (s)

(3507296) 9.05 Daytime on Two: Christianity (s) (6894012) 9.25 Feasts (1736215) 9.40 Square One TV (s) (5282012) 10.00 Square One 1V (s) (5282012) 10.00 Playdays (s) (4582963) 10.25 Hotch Potch (s) 10.45 Look and Read (s) (9865186) 11.05 Zig Zag (s) (6089708) 11.25 Technology (s) (6874760) 11.40 English (s) (4461769) 12.00 History (s) (50876) 12.30pm Worlding Lunch (68147) 1.00 History (s) (82270857) 1.20 Landmarks (s) (82283321) 1.40 Storytime (s) (94723215) 2.00 Joshua Jones (r) (20571321)

2.10 Holiday Outings (20577505). WALES: 2.10-3.00 Welsh Questions (4189895) 2.20 Fit.M: Spymaker: The Secret Life of lan Fleming (1991) with Jason Connery. lan Fleming (1891) with Jason Connery, directed by Ferdinand Fairfax (743741). N.L.: 2.20 Today's the Day (30813031) 2.50-4.30 The Schools' Cup Final (25038166) WALES: 3.05 First Sight (3788166) 3.35 Still in Business (5873673) 3.50-3.55 My Village

3.55 News (4065586) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (352) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (296) 5.00 Esther (s) (2321) 5.30 The **Village** (r) (876)

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6.00 FILM: Fathom (1967), Tongue-in-cheek spy caper starring Requel Welch, Also with Tony Franciosa, Ronald Fraser, Richard Briers and Clive Revill, Directed by Leslie H. Martinson (20629673)

7.35 Working Principles. Thirteen short films demonstrating the simple elegence of the laws of engineering (r) (s) (859876) 8.00 Hortzon: Einstein — Feme (Ceelax) (s) (546079)

8.50 A Bad Time to Be a Mar: The invisible Father. The fifth of six programmes on the role of men in modern society examines the bias against fathers displayed by the divorce courts in custody cases (Ceelas) (s) (598302)

9.00 The X Files. A recest of the first episode from the cut sci-fi drama series. With Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny



9.45 This Life: Coming Together (Ceefax) (s) (180370) 10.30 Newsnight (s) (379321)

11.15 The Larry Sanders Show. Sit-com-about an American television chat show (Ceetax) (s) (291654)

(Ceelax) (s) (803673) 12.05am Midnight Hour (s) (5735155) 12.30-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

Horizon: Einstein - Fame BBC2, 8.00pm

The General Theory of Relativity, the one about space, time and gravity, rightly takes prominence in the concluding part of the Albert Einstein story and a complicated concept is put across with admirable lucidity. Einstein was still in his thirties when he programmed it and the remaining when he propounded it and the remaining when he propounded it and the remaining 40 years of his life were something of an anti-climax. But the film still has much to talk about, not least its subject's troubled marriages. As Einstein admitted, he was not cut out to be a family man. He wanted relationships without obligations and both his wives came a poor second to his work. His first wife complained: "I am starved of love and I believe that wicked science is guilty." Andrew Sachs's portrayal of Einstein is an uncanny echo of the eccentric professor of the cinema newsreels.

Go Fishing Channel 4, 8.00pm

John Wilson's new series will entertain even those to whom the brase "fooling fish with artificials" might as well be a piece of Chinese. Wilson is a huge enthusiast, the angling equivalent of the cook Gary Rhodes. "That is one helluva summer pike," he droots, as he pulls a 22-pounder out of his net, "what a clonker, eh?" Drift fishing from a boar on a little-known Norfolk lake, Wilson a boar on a little-known Norfolk lake, Wilson regales us with a running commentary.
When the words dry up, which is rare, chuckles take over. Moving to the River Kenne in Berkshire in search of trout, Wilson has more chuckles as a fish scorns natural bait in the form of a mayily and nobbles his artificial one. If you were puzzled about fooling fish with artificials, all is suddenly and dramatically made clear.

This Life BBC2, 9.00pm

The unenlightening title hides a bold project. You could call it BBC2's first venture into soap opera. After Our Friends in the North meet our friends in the Smoke, five of them. in their twenties, sharing both a London house and embryo careers in the law. If the first episode is typical, the series will not spend much time in court. Legal affairs come second to affairs of the heart. Sex is a much more frequent topic of conversation than affidavits. Played by a no-star cast, two of the five are a couple, another two have been one but are a couple, another two have been one but are now on prickly terms and character number five is gay. The ethnic mix is similarly diverse, with representatives of the Scottish, English, Welsh and Asian communities. The challenge for the 29-year-old first-time writer, Amy Jenkins, will be to convince us that the quintet are individuals, and the Scott Time Sha has Il mischart to de it in not types. She has II episodes to do it in.

Cutting Edge: The Mystery of the Pescado Channel 4, 9.00pm

In 1991 the Pescado, a British fishing boat sank off the coast of Cornwall with the loss of its six young crew. The causes of the tragedy have been the subject of investigation and speculation almost ever since. This film unravels a story that has never failed to take a strange turn. The Pescado had been refitted to dredge for scallops, with expensive fish restaurants in London and Paris as the ultimate customers. The first six trips were successful but the seventh was the last. An carly theory was that the Pescado has collided with a submarine, though this was denied by the Ministry of Defence. The Marine Accident Investigation Branch, an official body, blamed the inexperience of the crew members. After 212 years at the bottom of the sea the boat was brought to the surface and yet another investigation produced yet Year Truth I T 6.00am GMTV (8709836) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (2215586) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (4569012) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (8771925) 10.35 This Morning (98730499) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (2187499)

12.30 ITN News (Teletext) (7964168) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (7949857) 1,25 Coronation Street (r) (8524168) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (30806741)

2.25 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (30825876) 2.50 Garden Calendar. Practical advice on how to achieve instant colour in your garden (4411673) 3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (9095091)

3.25 Regional News (5217272) 3.30 Rainbow Days (s) (5887876) 3.40 Tots
TV (r) (s) (2885031) 3.50 Budgie the
Little Helicopter (s) (5881692) 4.05
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5.10 The List Entertainment guide (9783147) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (721215) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (s) (860166) 6.25 Regional News (Teletext) (920012) 8.45 Sportsweek (Teletext) (254741)

7.00 Taiking Telephone Numbers (s) (6383) 7.30 Coronation Street. Events worsen in the McDonald household (Teletext) (609) 8.00 World in Action (Teletext) (s) (5031)



8.30 Kavanagh QC: A Sense of Loss. James Kavanagh, QC, is called in to represent Paul Warwick (Rueldhri Conroy) who stands accused of murdering a policewoman. With the evidence stacked against him, the young men refuses to co-operate with the pithy advocate. With John Thew and Ger Ryan (Telebad (s) (39302) 10,00 News at Ten (Teletext) (48031)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (587983)

10.40 FILM: National Lampoon's Vecation (1983) starring Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo. Chase plays an accident-prone tather who drives his tamily across the country for a holiday of a lifetime at a theme park. Directed by Harold Ramis (Teletext) (34288296)

12.30em Bushell on the Box (8) (12277) 1.00 Football Extra (5945068) 1.45 Customs Classified (1853345) 2.30 Music Box Profile (5050890) 2.45 Jones and Jury (s) (5973797) 3.05 FILM: No Trace (1950, b/w). Crima drama with Hugh Sinclair. Directed by John Gilling (2458136)

4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (67890) 5.00 An invitation to Remember (r) (42093) 5.30 ITN News (37074). Ends at 6.00

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5.10-5.40 Ready Money (9783147) 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (452050)

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(564470) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (215) 6.30-7.00 Country Ways (895) 10.40 The Pier (301079) 11.05 The Listings (381352) 11.10 Meridian Focus (944234) 11.40 Beyond Reality (928031) 12.15am Music Box Profile (3574109)

5.00 Freescreen (42093) **S4C** Starts: 6.35 Foofur (6863944) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (85147) 9.00 Fifteen to One (65708) 9.30 Yegofion (79499) 9.30 Geography (9147654) 9.45 Flenestri (9175437) 10.00 Seng Di Fang (2257483) 10.15 Learn Sign Language (4432166) 10.20 Place and People (4152019) 10.40 The English Programme (9009275) 11.05 Engelish Programme (9009876) 11.05 Encyclopedia Galectica (6117126) 11.15 The Mix (6870944) 11.30 (4469321) 11.45 Technology (4464876) 12.00 Right to Reply (45044) 12:30 Camberwick Green (73215) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (3374465) 1.35 FILM: The Scarlet Pimpernel (79961925) 3.20 Terrytoons (7190465) 3.30 The Greatest (673) 4.00 Jimmys (708) 4.30 Fruity Stories (692) 5.00 Pwt a Parddu (3662234) 5.10 Ffeli (3668418) 5.20 Tochabant (9760760) 5.30 Countiown (944) 6.00 Newyddion (217050) 6.15 Heno (178586) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (958215) 7.25 Taro Naw (730760) 8.00 Hafod

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12,30pm Sesame Street (87857) 1.30 Wowser. Canine capers (42329234) 1.55 Bradman. Comedy short from New

Zealand (s) (41555645) 2.05 FiLM: The Breaking Point (1950). Powerful film of Emest Hemingway's To Have and Have Not, starting John Garfield, Phyllis Thaxter and Petricia Neal. Directed by Michael Curtiz (Teletext)

4.00 Jimmy's. Hospital series; wrist and eye operations (Teletext) (708) 4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (692)

5.00 Keepers of the Kingdoms. The Galapagos Islands (5/12) (1) (Teletext) (3296)

6.00 The Cosby Show: Card Game (r) (Teletext) (857) 6.30 Hollyoaks (Teletext) (a) (437) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (587505)



6.00 Charles Go Fishing: Fooling Fish on Artificials (Teletext) (s) (3673) 6.30 The Greatest. Viewers and readers of The Times are voting for the greatest sports man or women of the century. This week, Jackie Stewart and Linford Christie (Teletext) (s) (2708)

9.00 Cutting Edge: The Mystery of the Pescado (Teleleid)

10.00 FiLM: Honeymoon in Veges (1992) staming Nicolas Cage, James Caan and Sarah Jessica Parker. A gangster becomes besotted with a woman and invites her francés to a game of poker in by Andrew Bergman (5619960).

11,50 FILM; Absolute Beginners (1986) starring David Bowle, James Fox and Patsy Kensit Julien Temple's stylish and stylised musical, based on Colin Macinnes's novel about 1950s I notion. was critically saveged on its release, but may look better now. (9903760)

1.50am How Long Till Daylight (A Che Punto E La Notte). Concluding the Italian thriller. With Marcello Mastrojanni, Renato Carcentieri, Alessandro Haber English subtitles. Directed by Nanni Loy

For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday SKY ONE

7.00am Boiled Egg and Soldiers (77925) 8.30 Press Your Luck (5060050) 8.50 Love Connection (4112437) 9.20 Court TV (5385499) 9.50 The Oprah Wirthey Show (1822708) 10.40 Jeopardyl (6189418) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (2924789) 12.00 Beachy (12129) 1.00pm Hotel (21876) 2.00 Garddo (82953) 3.00 Court TV (5050) 3.30 Dec. Court Metrics (18250) 4.15 The Opean Wintrey Show (5985296) 4.15 Undum (1867789) 5,00 Star Trak. The Next Unduri (1867/89) 5,00 Star Trek. The Next Generation (6302) 6,00 The Simpsons (322) 6,300 The Simpsons (322) 6,300 Mers New Trek. The Next Generation (41654) 11,00 Mers Next West (5703) 9,00 Police Ressue (71895) (0,00 Star Trek. The Next Generation (41654) 11,00 Mers Place (25789) 12,00 Late Show with Devid Letterman (548677) 12,45sm. The Unitouchables (45019) 4 20 Design Ressue (76761) (4520180) 1.30 Dadoy Dearest (76161) 2.00-7.00 Het Mix Long Play (1125797)

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8.00am Gastight (1940) (63296) 8.00 The Girl Most Likely (1957) (83215) 10.00 The Magic Kird 2 (1963) (37437) 12.00 Flipper (1969) (1963) (96185) 2.00pm Ob. Her Fig. (1980) (65234) 4.00 Warlor #[4] (1980) (65234) 4.00 Warriores of Allardis (1978) (1234) 6.00 The Magic Kld 2 (1983) (17857) 7.30 Close-Up: The Mask (5925) 8.00 Bed Girts (1994) (57215) 10.00 Deadbolt (1992) (651673) 11.25 The Piano (1993) (348857) 1.35em High Lonasoma (1994) (7697631) 3.05 The Thirtsenth Floor (1988) (6406242) 4.30 Fipper (1983) (52838) SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Sheriff of Fractured Jan (1958) (P185) 6.00 Muttiny on the Busin (1958) (9185) 6.00 libitiny on the Bussa (1973) (27012) 8.00 Baby Boom (1987) With Diane Kaston (39857) 10.00 Suddan Impact (1963)(45319234) 12.05am Faster, Pussycati Killi Killi (1965) (2546971) 1.35-3.25 Smiles of a Summer Night THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Stand Up and Cheer (1934) (5370470) 7.15 Little Miss Broadway (1938) (828376) 3.30 Semeon and Selly () (4568147) 9.35 Slanck Island (1979) (5120586) 10.35 The Pot Carriers (1962) (4501692) 12.00 A Millionaire for Christy (1951) (95168) 2.00pm The Littlest Hobs (1951) (95168) 2.00pm The Littlest Hobs (1958) (502321) 3.50 Samson and Selfy () (5701944) 5.00 Black Island (1979) (9012) 6.00 The Face on the Milk Cartos (9012) 840 Per Per Per (1995) (43012) 8.00 Deadly Whispers (1994) (55857) 10.00 Transcers 5 - Sudden Death (1994) (428499) 11.20 Strapped (1993) (567995) 1.05em The Friends of Eddie Coyle (1973) (867997) 2.55-8.00 Que Vedis (1951) (33480513) THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4em. Under the Umbreta Tree (70267789) 6.30 Freggle Rock (60212983) 7.00 The New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (53836692) 7.30 Duckales (53822493) 8.00 Chp in Date (91767031) and The Adventures in Wonderland 8.30 The Adventures in Wonder (91766302) 9.00 Wat Disney Pres (70276437) 10.00 Under the Umbrella Tree (70276437) 10.00 Union as the challenge (70276437) 10.30 Fraggie Rock (91796166) 11,00 Muppel Bebies (54996499) 11.30 Welcome to Pook Corner (54997129) 12.00 Queto. Attack (91777418) 12.30 m Durtho's Circlis (24546302) 1.00 The Adventures in Wonderland (53835963) 1.30 Text. Desc. (10946) (49351296) 3.00 Adventures in Wonderland (58835963) 1.300 PLM* Davy Crockel (49350296) 3.00 Malong of Beauty and the Beast (20456147) 3.30 The New Adventures of Winnie the Pool (88930279) 4.00 Cueck Affect (8891156) 4.90 Duckales (88900470) 5.00 Chip in Dele (20451692) 5.30 Denger Bay (88924050) 6.00 Tarzari (88921983) 6.30 Droceauts (89912215) 7.00 Boy Meets World (20448128) 7.30 FILM: 16 Days of Glory (69495741) 9.30-10.00 Zomo (24569169)

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SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm Dennis Taylor's Pot of Gold (2455031) 10.30 Bobby Chanton's Football Scrapbook (2081321) 12.00-1.00am Clas-Scrapbook (2081321) 12.00-1.00am Clas-sic Grand Nationals: A profile of Red Rum

Football (19703) 2.00-2.30am Sky Sports

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7.00mm Guiding Ugint (2012944) 7.55 As the World Turns (6918976) 8.50 Peyton Place (6269825) 9.20 Days of Our Lives

(7320944) 10.10-11.00 Another World

11.00am Globstrotter (4358418) 11.30 Australia from the Outside (4706302) 12.30pm Bruce Ests America (9814418) 1.00 Getaway (1953494) 1.30 Great Es-cepes (9813789) 2.00 Traisade (4341857) 2.30 Dwe (4588272) 3.00 Globetrotter 7,30am Aerobics (39760) 8.38 Synchro-



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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

Southern seeks buyer for minority stake in South Western

THE American utility that bought South Western Electricity for £1.1 billion in the autumn is looking to sell on to another investor as much as half of the regional

electricity company.

South Western fell to Southern, an operator of power stations based in Atlanta, Georgia, as part of the wave of takeovers within the sector. But Southern is now in talks with possible purchasers of

were taking place but said no firm decision had been taken.

Under US law, regulated utilities are limited to a percentage of their share capital that can be invested overseas.

Southern's practice, therefore, is to sell part of its overseas holdings, generally about 30 per cent but occasionally higher, to passive investors, and SBC Warburg, its merchant bank is currently looking take the group's total overseas holdings anywhere near the limit allowed.

Southern's market capitalisation is approaching \$30 billion, but a sale would make further purchases in the United Kingdom and on continental Europe

The group is not saying how much it wants for the minority stake, but it is probably facing a loss on the original

a minority stake. A spokesman for the group confirmed that exploratory talks the purchase of South Western did not investment. There have been significant investment. There have been significant management changes at South Western and the reckoning in the market is that since the takeover, that might have

A buyer, possibly a big City pension fund, would not have to pay the bid premium that Southern had to find when it made the purchase.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) will this week send its report on two other pending bids for regional electricity companies to lan

both offers will be conditionally cleared.

The MMC has been looking at National Power's proposed purchase of Southern, unrelated to the American business and serving the South of England, and PowerGen's proposed purchase of Midlands.

Sources close to the negotiations say the Commission's response has been positive and the conditions it will probably require, including separate accounts for different businesses, will not be opposed by the industry.

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There is a lingering concern in the industry, however, that the MMC may require the two prospective purchases both generators of power, to sell more of their stations.

The two have already been required he the electricity regulator to dispose of 6.000 MW of plant, and any further disposais

Postal union rejects reforms

Royal Mail changes spark unrest

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S Post Office could be heading for industrial action within weeks because of plans for the biggest shake-up in working prac-tices in recent years which are being opposed by the main postal union.

Royal Mail leaders are acknowledging that relations with the Communication Workers Union (CWU) are now at a "crossroads" and claim that the union is marginalising itself within the Post Office.

In response, the Mail may hit the union financially by ending the automatic deduction of union dues from employees' pay packets — the so-called "check-off" system.

Leaders of the union are calling an emergency meeting over the Post Office's move, which seems certain to result in a national ballot on widespread industrial action. Royal Mail's tough line with

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the CWU and its 140,000 rejection by the union's executive committee — against the advice of the union's full-time officials - of a detailed packprotracted negotiations. The

package offered a guarantee of job security, average pay rises for postal workers of more than 15 per cent and a one-and-a-half-hour reduction in hours to a shorter working week of 35.6 hours by 2000 instead of six-day working. But the CWU executive re-

jected the package's introduction of "total quality manage-ment" methods — widely used in outside industry — for mail sorting offices, including team working, which would have led to the abolition of job demarcation lines and the introduction of greater employment flexibility. Though he recommended

the package for acceptance. Alan Johnson, the union's joint general secretary, says in a letter to the Post Office written after the executive's decision that the new working practices will create a "hostile environment", that the union's influence will be diluted, and that there is now a "climate of

But Brian Thompson, Royal Mail's personnel director. says that the union's rejection of the package is a "huge backward step" and accuses age of working practice pro-posals after 12 months of the union of an "outdated and unreal" approach. Claiming

that the union is turning its back on security for employees by rejecting the package, called the Employee Agenda, Royal Mail in a statement delivered to the union says: "Whatever the response of the CWU, one thing you need to be absolutely clear about is that change will stay on the agenda. We will have change

with or without you."

Mr Thompson says that
Royal Mail will now move forward with implementing the changed working prac-tices, although he admits that it will take longer to do so without the co-operation of the

Because of that, it warns the union that Royal Mail needs to "take stock of our relationships with the CWU" because "your actions are now the first step in marginalising itself within Royal Mail". Warning that the Royal

Mail is now going to take a "long, hard look" at its rela-Mail management asks why it should spend many thousands of pounds supporting the union through "check off" arrangements, time off for union lay officials and support for training when the union is intent on pursuing its own

Mr Thomson says: "We do not intend to take any immediate 'knee-jerk' decisions. But let's be clear: we are at a crossroads in our relations."



Food for thought Mohamed Al Faved could apply more pressure with another offer

Fayed offer is snubbed by Observer

MOHAMED AL FAYED'S E25 million offer for The Observer, Britain's oldest Sunday newspaper, will be considered "for about 15 seconds" this week and rejected because the paper is not for sale, Peter Preston, editor in chief of the paper and its daily sister The Guardian, said yesterday. Mr Preston, who is a mem-

ber of the Scott Trust, the charitable body that acts as custodian for both papers, said a £10 million increase in the value of Mr Ai Fayed's offer the original £15 million bid was rejected last week - was irrelevant. "Since the paper is not for sale, it's very interesting that we're getting bids," he said. The board of the Guardian

Media Group, the direct owner of The Observer, has a fiducia ry duty to consider all bids because GMG is a public limited company. If Mr Al Fayed increases his bid substantially once again, GMG and the Scott Trust can only come under more pressure to

Mr Al Fayed, the million-aire owner of Harrods, created a company called Liberty Publishing to bid for The Observer. In an effort to distance himself from Liberty, he appointed Stewart Steven, the former editor of the Evening Standard, as the company's chairman. John Dux, the former managing director of News International, owner of The Times, was appointed chief executive Mr Dux said Liberty is deter-

mined to become a media player and wants to use The Observer as its base. He said: "We are looking at opportunities right across the media sector."

He would not provide details but said that Liberty's expansion would include the purchase of radio and tele-

vision interests. "Mr Fayer: believes that media is a good business to get into in the 1990s," said Mr Dux.

It is thought that some of the ten members of the Scott Trust are in favour of selling The Observer, which is said to be losing as much as £10 million a year, to protect The Guard ian. However, Mr Preston said that the trust members were unanimous last week in their opinion that The Observ er should not be sold. - 4-

Mr Preston said the group has outlined plans to reverse the paper's losses, but would provide no details. They do not, he said, include merging it with the Independent of Sunday, which is controlled by the Mirror Group.

Singaporean behind raid on Brierley

KWEK LENG BENG, the Singaporean business-man, was behind a raid to 20 per cent of Brieries Investments, the New Zea land company that con-trols the 100-strong Thistle hotel chain in Britain, according to reports at the

weekend. Thistle Hotels, which is thought to be planning a stock market flotation. grew out of the old Mount: Charlotte botel group and is the second-largest hotel-owner in Britain behind Granada Group. It is 70 per cent owned by Brierley Investments.

Mr Kwek paid £200° million for the Copthornehotel chain last surrmer.

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British chairmen shine against European rivals

BRITISH chairmen are up there with the best when it comes to crafting their message to shareholders, according to a study of European company reports. Lord Tugendhat of Abbey National, Lord Sheppard of Grand Metropolitan, and Sir Iain MacLaurin of Tesco all rank in the top five in quality Marc Vienot of Societé Générale was 1994's top performerin the annual sur-

of the chairman's statement vey, which awards points according to style and presentation. M Vienot scored highly with his "interviewstyle" statement in the SocGen report, narrowly pip-ping his UK rivals. Embarrassingly, he also managed one of the lowest scores for his "vague" and badly-written report for Alcatel Alsthorn, the telecommunications group. Lord Wolfson of Great Universal Stores (GUS) received a

ROYAL INSURANCE may

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Legal & General and apply to

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redistribute surplus assets

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(Marianne Curphey writes).

round zero, for the simple reason that there was no chairman's statement. Neither were there any photographs. The GUS report is dismissed as old fashioned, British and stuffy, with a disdain for communication". The study is critical of dull,

Royal may refund surplus

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statements of standard business rhetoric, with vacuous references to the future. Reto read and lively get better

ratings.

Ducking legitimate shareholder questions is rarely a good idea. Examples from 1994 include strikes by perconnei (Prudential), divestments of poorly-performing and environmental criticism foil companies generally).

Moving beyond the chairman's statement, Hoechst, Grand Metropolitan, Tesco, Bass, Société Générale and Allianz Holding were rated Europe's top six annual re-ports of 1994. The worst inclu-ded Generali, GUS and Munich Re.

The 300-page Company Re-port Report is available at £245 from Peter Prowse Associates of Leatherhead. Surrey.

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Abbey plans share deals by telephone

Abbey National is considering setting up its own stockbrok-ing service and stepping up the competition for small investor business. With millions of former building society members about to receive "windfall" share handouts, Abbey is planning an over-thephone dealing operation.
It is thought the bank would

like the dealing service to be up and running before it completes its takeover of National & Provincial on August 5 — when 1.4 million N&P customers will be given free shares worth about £500 which many could want to cash in immediately. No burnt fingers, page 36

Talks proposed

Unitech, the engineering company, said yesterday it was interested in talking to Siebe, a rival, about a possible merger. Siebe made a £103 million purchase of 25 per cent of Unitech's stock on Friday and said it was looking to launch an agreed takeover. Unitech suggested that it would look for a price in the region of 750p. valuing the company at about £525 million. Siebe is believed to be considering a lower paper offer of about 650p. Talks are expected to start next week and could last several

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